Mac OS X Assembler Reference

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Introduction to Mac OS X Assembler Guide

The Mac OS X assembler serves a dual purpose. It assembles the output of `gcc`, Xcode's default compiler, for use by the Mac OS X linker. It also provides the means to assemble custom assembly language code written for its supported platforms.

This document provides a reference for the use of the assembler, including basic syntax and statement layout. It also contains a list of the specific directives recognized by the assembler and complete instruction sets for the PowerPC and i386 processor architectures.

Important: The "i386 Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions" (page 125) section is considered preliminary. It has not been updated with the latest revisions to the i386 addressing modes and instructions. While most of the information is technically accurate, the document is incomplete and is subject to change. For more information, please see the section itself.

Organization of This Document

This document contains the following chapters:

- "Using the Assembler" (page 11) describes how to run the assembler and its relevant input/output files. It also discusses specific options that can be passed to the assembler on the command line.
- "Assembly Language Syntax" (page 17) describes the basic syntax of assembly language elements and expressions.
- "Assembly Language Statements" (page 25) describes in greater detail the assembly language statements that make up an assembly language program.
- "Assembler Directives" (page 31) describes assembler directives specific to the Mac OS X assembler and how to use them in your assembly code.
- "PowerPC Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions" (page 59) contains information specific to the PowerPC processor architecture and provides a complete list of addressing modes and instructions relevant to it.
- "i386 Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions" (page 125) contains information specific to the i386 processor architecture and provides a complete list of addressing modes and instructions relevant to it.

- "Mode-Independent Macros" (page 167) introduces the macros included in the Mac OS X v10.4 SDK to facilitate the development of assembly code that runs in 32-bit PowerPC and 64-bit PowerPC environments.

This document also contains a revision history, and an index.

Using the Assembler

This chapter describes how to run the `as` assembler, which produces an object file from one or more files of assembly language source code.

Note: Although `a.out` is the default file name that `as` gives to the object file that's created (as is conventional with many compilers), the format of the object file is not standard 4.4BSD `a.out` format. Object files produced by the assembler are in Mach-O (Mach object) file format. See *Mac OS X ABI Mach-O File Format Reference* for more information.

Command Syntax

To run the assembler, type the following command in a shell:

```
as [ option ] ... [ file ] ...
```

You can specify one or more command-line options. These assembler options are described in "Assembler Options" (page 11).

You can specify one or more files containing assembly language source code. If no files are specified, `as` uses the standard input (`stdin`) for the assembly source input.

Note: By convention, files containing assembly language source code should have the `.s` extension.

Assembler Options

The following command-line options are recognized by the assembler:

-o

```
-o name
```

The *name* argument after `-o` is used as the name of the `as` output file, instead of `a.out`.

--

```
--
```

Use the standard input (`stdin`) for the assembly source input.

-f

```
-f
```

Fast; no need to run `app` (the assembler preprocessor). This option is intended for use by compilers that produce assembly code in a strict "clean" format that specifies exactly where whitespace can go. The `app` preprocessor needs to be run on handwritten assembly files and on files that have been preprocessed by `cpp` (the C preprocessor). This typically is needed when assembler files are assembled through the use of the `cc(1)` command, which automatically runs the C preprocessor on assembly source files. The assembler preprocessor strips out excess spaces, turns each character surrounded by single quotation marks into a decimal constant, and turns occurrences of:

```
# number filename level
```

into:

```
.line number;.file filename
```

The assembler preprocessor can also be turned off by starting the assembly file with `#NO_APP\n`. When the assembler preprocessor has been turned off in this way, it can be turned on and off with pairs of `#APP\n` and `#NO_APP\n` at the beginning of lines. This is used by the compiler to wrap assembly statements produced from `asm()` statements.

-g

```
-g
```

Produce debugging information for the symbolic debugger `gdb(1)` so the assembly source can be debugged symbolically. For include files (included by the C preprocessor's `#include` or by the assembler directive `.include`) that produce instructions in the (`__TEXT,__text`) section, the include file must be included while a `.text` directive is in effect (that is, there must be a `.text` directive before the include) and end with the a `.text` directive in effect (at the end of the include file). Otherwise the debugger will have trouble dealing with that assembly file.

-v

```
-v
```

Print the version of the assembler (both the Mac OS X version and the GNU version that it is based on).

-n

`-n`

Don't assume that the assembly file starts with a `.text` directive.

-I

`-Idir`

Add *dir* to the list of directories to search for files included with the `.include` directive. The default place to search is the current directory.

-L

`-L`

Save defined labels beginning with an `L` (the compiler generates these temporary labels). Temporary labels are normally discarded to save space in the resulting symbol table.

-V

`-V`

Print the path and the command-line invocation of the assembler that the assembler driver is using.

-W

`-W`

Suppress warnings.

-dynamic

`-dynamic`

Enables dynamic linking features. This is the default.

-static

`-static`

Causes the assembler to treat any dynamic linking features as an error. This also causes the `.text` directive to not include the `pure_instructions` section attribute.

Architecture Options

The program `/usr/bin/as` is a driver that executes assemblers for specific target architectures. If no target architecture is specified, it defaults to the architecture of the host it is running on.

-arch

```
-arch arch_type
```

Specifies the target architecture, *arch_type*, the assembler to be executed and the architecture of the resulting object file. The target assemblers for each architecture are in `/usr/libexec/gcc/darwin/`*arch_type*`/as` or `/usr/local/libexec/gcc/darwin/`*arch_type*`/as`. The specified target architecture can be processor specific, in which case the resulting object file is marked for the specific processor. See then man page `arch(3)` for the current list of specific processor names for the `-arch` option.

-force_cpusubtype_ALL

```
-force_cpusubtype_ALL
```

Set the architecture of the resulting object file to the ALL type regardless of the instructions in the assembly input.

-arch_multiple

```
-arch_multiple
```

This is used by the `cc(1)` driver program when it is run with multiple `-arch`*arch_type* flags and instructs programs like `as(1)` that, if it prints any messages, to precede them with one line stating the program name—in this case `as`—and the architecture (from the `-arch`*arch_type* flag) to distinguish which architecture the error messages refer to. This flag is accepted only by the actual assemblers (in `/lib/`*arch_type*`/as`) and not by the assembler driver, `/bin/as`.

PowerPC-Specific Options

The following sections describe the options specific to the PowerPC architecture.

-no_ppc601

```
-no_ppc601
```

Treat any PowerPC 601 instructions as an error.

-static_branch_prediction_Y_bit

```
-static_branch_prediction_Y_bit
```

Treat a single trailing + or - after a conditional PowerPC branch instruction as a static branch prediction that sets the Y bit in the opcode. Pairs of trailing ++ or -- always set the AT bits. This is the default for Mac OS X.

-static_branch_prediction_AT_bits

```
-static_branch_prediction_AT_bits
```

Treat a single trailing + or - after a conditional Power PC branch instruction as a static branch prediction sets the AT bits in the opcode. Pairs of trailing ++ or -- always set the AT bits, but with this option a warning is issued if that syntax is used. With this flag the assembler behaves like the IBM tools.

Assembly Language Syntax

This chapter describes the basic lexical elements of assembly language programming, and explains how those elements combine to form complete assembly language expressions.

This chapter goes on to explain how sequences of expressions are put together to form the statements that make up an assembly language program.

Elements of Assembly Language

This section describes the basic building blocks of an assembly language program—these are characters, symbols, labels, and constants.

Characters

The following characters are used in assembly language programs:

- Alphanumeric characters—A through Z, a through z, and 0 through 9
- Other printable ASCII characters (such as #, $, :, ., +, -, *, /, !, and |)
- Nonprinting ASCII characters (such as space, tab, return, and newline)

Some of these characters have special meanings, which are described in "Expression Syntax" (page 20) and in "Assembly Language Statements" (page 25).

Identifiers

An **identifier** (also known as a **symbol**) can be used for several purposes:

- As the *label* for an assembler statement (see "Labels" (page 18))
- As a location tag for data
- As the symbolic name of a constant

Each identifier consists of a sequence of alphanumeric characters (which may include other printable ASCII characters such as `.`, `_`, and `$`). The first character must not be numeric. Identifiers may be of any length, and all characters are significant. The case of letters is significant—for example, the identifier `var` is different from the identifier `Var`.

It is also possible to define an identifier by enclosing multiple identifiers within a pair of double quotation marks. For example:

```
"Object +new:":
.long "Object +new:"
```

Labels

A label is written as an identifier immediately followed by a colon (`:`). The label represents the current value of the current location counter; it can be used in assembler instructions as an operand.

Note: You may not use a single identifier to represent two different locations.

Numeric Labels

Local numeric labels allow compilers and programmers to use names temporarily. A numeric label consists of a digit (between 0 and 9) followed by a colon. These 10 local symbol names can be reused any number of times throughout the program. As with alphanumeric labels, a numeric label assigns the current value of the location counter to the symbol.

Although multiple numeric labels with the same digit may be used within the same program, only the next definition and the most recent previous definition of a label can be referenced:

- To refer to the most recent previous definition of a local numeric label, write *digit*`b`, (using the same digit as when you defined the label).
- To refer to the next definition of a numeric label, write *digit*`f`.

The Scope of a Label

The scope of a label is the distance over which it is visible to (and referenceable by) other parts of the program. Normally, a label that tags a location or data is visible only within the current assembly unit.

The `.globl` directive (described in ".globl" (page 48)) may be used to make a label external. In this case, the symbol is visible to other assembly units at link time.

Constants

Four types of constants are available: Numeric, character, string, and floating point. All constants are interpreted as absolute quantities when they appear in an expression.

Numeric Constants

A numeric constant is a token that starts with a digit. Numeric constants can be decimal, hexadecimal, or octal. The following restrictions apply:

- Decimal constants contain only digits between 0 and 9, and normally aren't longer than 32 bits—having a value between `-2,147,483,648` and `2,147,483,647` (values that don't fit in 32 bits are **bignums**, which are legal but which should fit within the designated format). Decimal constants cannot contain leading zeros or commas.
- Hexadecimal constants start with `0x` (or `0X`), followed by between one and eight decimal or hexadecimal digits (`0` through `9`, `a` through `f`, and `A` through `F`). Values that don't fit in 32 bits are bignums.
- Octal constants start with `0`, followed by from one to eleven octal digits (0 through 7). Values that don't fit in 32 bits are bignums.

Character Constants

A single-character constant consists of a single quotation mark (`'`) followed by any ASCII character. The constant's value is the code for the given character.

String Constants

A string constant is a sequence of zero or more ASCII characters surrounded by quotation marks (for example, `"a string"`).

Floating-Point Constants

The general lexical form of a floating-point number is:

```
0flt_char[{+-}]dec...[.][dec...][exp_char[{+-}][dec...]]
```

where:

Item	Description
flt_char	A required type specification character (see the following table).
[{+-}]	The optional occurrence of either + or -, but not both.
dec...	A required sequence of one or more decimal digits.
[.]	A single optional period.
[*dec...*]	An optional sequence of one or more decimal digits.
[*exp_char*]	An optional exponent delimiter character (see the following table).

The type specification character, *flt_char*, specifies the type and representation of the constructed number; the set of legal type specification characters with the processor architecture, as shown here:

Architecture	*flt_char*	*exp_char*
ppc	{dDfF}	{eE}
i386	{fFdDxX}	{eE}

When floating-point constants are used as arguments to the `.single` and `.double` directives, the type specification character isn't actually used in determining the type of the number. For convenience, `r` or `R` can be used consistently to specify all types of floating-point numbers.

Collectively, all floating-point numbers, together with quad and octal scalars, are called bignums. When `as` requires a bignum, a 32-bit scalar quantity may also be used.

Floating-point constants are internally represented as flonums in a machine-independent, precision-independent floating-point format (for accurate cross-assembly).

Assembly Location Counter

A single period (`.`), usually referred to as "dot," is used to represent the current location counter. There is no way to explicitly reference any other location counters besides the current location counter.

Even if it occurs in the operand field of a statement, dot refers to the address of the first byte of that statement; the value of dot isn't updated until the next machine instruction or assembler directive.

Expression Syntax

Expressions are combinations of operand terms (which can be numeric constants or symbolic identifiers) and operators. This section lists the available operators, and describes the rules for combining these operators with operands in order to produce legal expressions.

Operators

Identifiers and numeric constants can be combined, through the use of operators, to form expressions. Each operator operates on 64-bit values. If the value of a term occupies less than 64 bits, it is sign-extended to a 64-bit value.

The assembler provides both unary and binary operators. A unary operator precedes its operand; a binary operator follows its first operand, and precedes its second operand. For example:

```
!var    | unary expression
var+5   | binary expression
```

The assembler recognizes the following unary operators:

Operator	Description
-	Unary minus: The result is the two's complement of the operand.

Operator	Description
~	One's complement: The result is the one's complement of the operand.
!	Logical negation: The result is zero if the operand is nonzero, and 1 if the operand is zero.

The assembler recognizes the following binary operators:

Operator	Description
+	Addition: The result is the arithmetic addition of the two operands.
-	Subtraction: The result is the arithmetic subtraction of the two operands.
*	Multiplication: The result is the arithmetic multiplication of the two operands.
/	Division: The result is the arithmetic division of the two operands; this is integer division, which truncates towards zero.
%	Modulus: The result is the remainder that's produced when the first operand is divided by the second (this operator applies only to integral operands).
>>	Right shift: The result is the value of the first operand shifted to the right, where the second operand specifies the number of bit positions by which the first operand is to be shifted (this operator applies only to integral operands). This is always an arithmetic shift since all operators operate on signed operands.
<<	Left shift: The result is the value of the first operand shifted to the left, where the second operand specifies the number of bit positions by which the first operand is to be shifted (this operator applies only to integral operands).
&	Bitwise AND: The result is the bitwise AND function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands).
^	Bitwise exclusive OR: The result is the bitwise exclusive OR function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands).
|	Bitwise inclusive OR: The result is the bitwise inclusive OR function of the two operands (this operator applies only to integral operands).
<	Less than: The result is 1 if the first operand is less than the second operand, and zero otherwise.
>	Greater than: The result is 1 if the first operand is greater than the second operand, and zero otherwise.
<=	Less than or equal: The result is 1 if the first operand is less than or equal to the second operand, and zero otherwise.
>=	Greater than or equal: The result is 1 if the first operand is greater than or equal to the second operand, and zero otherwise.
==	Equal: The result is 1 if the two operands are equal, and zero otherwise.

Operator	Description
!=	Not equal (same as <>): The result is zero if the two operands are equal, and 1 otherwise.

Terms

A term is a part of an expression; it may be:

- An identifier.
- A numeric constant (its 32-bit value is used). The assembly location counter (.), for example, is a valid numeric constant.
- An expression or term enclosed in parentheses. Any quantity enclosed in parentheses is evaluated before the rest of the expression. This can be used to alter the normal evaluation of expressions—for example, to differentiate between `x * y + z` and `x * (y + z)` or to apply a unary operator to an entire expression—for example, `-(x * y + z)`.
- A term preceded by a unary operator (for example, `~var`). Multiple unary operators may be used in a term (for example, `!~var`).

Expressions

Expressions are combinations of terms joined together by binary operators. An expression is always evaluated to a 32-bit value, but in some situations a different value is used:

- If the operand requires a 1-byte value (a `.byte` directive, for example), the low-order 8 bits of the expression are used.
- If the operand requires a 16-bit value (a `.short` directive or a `movem` instruction, for example), the low-order 16 bits of the expression are used.

All expressions are evaluated using the same operator precedence rules that are used by the C programming language.

When an expression is evaluated, its value is absolute, relocatable, or external, as described below.

Absolute Expressions

An expression is absolute if its value is fixed. The following are examples of absolute expressions:

- An expression whose terms are constants
- An identifier whose value is a constant via a direct assignment statement
- Values to which the `.set` directive is applied

Relocatable Expressions

An expression (or term) is relocatable if its value is fixed relative to a base address but has an offset value when it is linked or loaded into memory. For example, all labels of a program defined in relocatable sections are relocatable.

Expressions that contain relocatable terms must add or subtract only constants to their value. For example, assuming the identifiers `var` and `dat` are defined in a relocatable section of the program, the following examples demonstrate the use of relocatable expressions:

Expression	Description
`var`	Simple relocatable term. Its value is an offset from the base address of the current control section.
`var+5`	Simple relocatable expression. Since the value of `var` is an offset from the base address of the current control section, adding a constant to it doesn't change its relocatable status.
`var*2`	Not relocatable. Multiplying a relocatable term by a constant invalidates the relocatable status of the expression.
`2-var`	Not relocatable. The expression can't be linked by adding `var`'s offset to it.
`var-dat+5`	Relocatable expression if both `var` and `dat` are defined in the same section—that is, if neither is undefined. This form of relocatable expression is used for position-independent code.

External Expressions

An expression is **external** (or global) if it contains an external identifier not defined in the current program. In general, the same restrictions on expressions containing relocatable identifiers apply to expressions containing external identifiers. An exception is that the expression `var-dat` is incorrect when both `var` and `dat` are external identifiers (that is, you cannot subtract two external relocatable expressions). Also, you cannot multiply or divide any relocatable expression.

Assembly Language Statements

This chapter describes the assembly language statements that make up an assembly language program.

This is the general format of an assembly language statement:

```
[ label_field ] [ opcode_field [ operand_field ] ] [ comment_field ]
```

Each of the depicted fields is described in detail in one of the following sections.

A line may contain multiple statements separated by the @ character for the PowerPC assembler (and a semicolon for the i386 assembler), which may then be followed by a single comment preceded by a semicolon for the PowerPC assembler (and a # character for the i386 assembler):

```
[ statement [ @ statement ...] ] [ ; comment_field ]
```

The following rules apply to the use of whitespace within a statement:

- Spaces or tabs are used to separate fields.
- At least one space or tab must occur between the opcode field and the operand field.
- Spaces may appear within the operand field.
- Spaces and tabs are significant when they appear in a character string.

Label Field

Labels are identifiers that you use to tag the locations of program and data objects. Each label is composed of an identifier and a terminating colon. The format of the label field is:

```
identifier: [ identifier: ] ...
```

The optional label field may occur only at the beginning of a statement. The following example shows a label field containing two labels, followed by a (PowerPC-style) comment:

```
var: VAR:  ; two labels defined here
```

As shown here, letters in identifiers are case sensitive, and both uppercase and lowercase letters may be used.

Operation Code Field

The operation code field of an assembly language statement identifies the statement as a machine instruction, an assembler directive, or a macro defined by the programmer:

- A machine instruction is indicated by an instruction mnemonic. An assembly language statement that contains an instruction mnemonic is intended to produce a single executable machine instruction. The operation and use of each instruction is described in the manufacturer's user manual.
- An assembler directive (or pseudo-op) performs some function during the assembly process. It doesn't produce any executable code, but it may assign space for data in the program.
- Macros are defined with the `.macro` directive (see ".macro, .endmacro, .macros_on, and .macros_off" (page 56) for more information).

One or more spaces or tabs must separate the operation code field from the following operand field in a statement. Spaces or tabs are optional between the label and operation code fields, but they help to improve the readability of the program.

Intel i386 Architecture–Specific Caveats

- i386 instructions can operate on byte, word, or long word data (the last is called "double word" by Intel). The desired size is indicated as part of the instruction mnemonic by adding a trailing `b`, `w`, or `l`:

Mnemonic	Description
`b`	Byte (8-bit) data.
`w`	Word (16-bit) data.
`l`	Long word (32-bit) data.

  For instance, a `movb` instruction moves a byte of data, but a `movw` instruction moves a 16-bit word of data.

  If no size is specified, the assembler attempts to determine the size from the operands. For example, if the 16-bit names for registers are used as operands, a 16-bit operation is performed. When both a size specifier and a size-specific register name are given, the size specifier is used. Thus, the following are all correct and result in the same operation:

```
movw    %bx,%cx
mov     %bx,%cx
movw    %ebx,%ecx
```

- An i386 operation code can also contain optional prefixes, which are separated from the operation code by a slash (`/`) character. The prefix mnemonics are:

Prefix	Description
`data16`	Operation uses 16-bit data.
`addr16`	Operation uses 16-bit addresses.
`lock`	Exclusive memory lock.
`wait`	Wait for pending numeric exceptions.
`cs`, `ds`, `es`, `fs`, `gs`, `ss`	Segment register override.
`rep`, `repe`, `repne`	Repeat prefixes for string instructions.

More than one prefix may be specified for some operation codes. For example:

```
lock/fs/xchgl    %ebx,4(%ebp)
```

Segment register overrides and the 16-bit data specifications are usually given as part of the operation code itself or of its operands. For example, the following two lines of assembly generate the same instructions:

```
movw            %bx,%fs:4(%ebp)
data16/fs/movl  %bx,4(%ebp)
```

Not all prefixes are allowed with all instructions. The assembler does check that the repeat prefixes for strings instructions are used correctly but doesn't otherwise check for correct usage.

Operand Field

The operand field of an assembly language statement supplies the arguments to the machine instruction, assembler directive, or macro.

The operand field may contain one or more operands, depending on the requirements of the preceding machine instruction or assembler directive. Some machine instructions and assembler directives don't take any operand, and some take two or more. If the operand field contains more than one operand, the operands are generally separated by commas, as shown here:

```
[ operand [ , operand ] ... ]
```

The following types of objects can be operands:

- Register operands
- Register pairs
- Address operands
- String constants
- Floating-point constants
- Register lists

- Expressions

Register operands in a machine instruction refer to the machine registers of the processor or coprocessor. Register names may appear in mixed case.

Intel 386 Architecture–Specific Caveats

The Mac OS X assembler orders operand fields for i386 instructions in the reverse order from Intel's conventions. Intel's convention is destination first, source second; Mac OS X assembler's convention is source first, destination second. Where Intel documentation would describe the Compare and Exchange instruction for 32-bit operands as follows:

```
CMPXCHG  r/m32,r32    # Intel processor manual convention
```

The Mac OS X assembler syntax for this same instruction is:

```
cmpxchg  r32,r/m32    # Mac OS X assembler syntax
```

So, an example of actual assembly code for the Mac OS X assembler would be:

```
cmpxchg  %ebx,(%eax)  # Mac OS X assembly code
```

Comment Field

The assembler recognizes two types of comments in source code:

- A line whose first nonwhitespace character is the hash character (#) is a comment. This style of comment is useful for passing C preprocessor output through the assembler. Note that comments of the form:

  ```
  # line_number file_name level
  ```

  get turned into:

  ```
  .line line_number; .file file_name
  ```

  This can cause problems when comments of this form that aren't intended to specify line numbers precede assembly errors, since the error is reported as occurring on a line relative to that specified in the comment. Suppose a program contains these two lines of assembly source:

  ```
  # 500
    .var
  ```

  If `.var` hasn't been defined, this fragment results in the following error message:

  ```
  var.s:500:Unknown pseudo-op: .var
  ```

- A comment field, appearing on a line after one or more statements. The comment field consists of the appropriate comment character and all the characters that follow it on the line:

Character	Description
;	Comment character for PowerPC processors
#	Comment character for i386 architecture processors

An assembly language source line can consist of just the comment field; in this case, it's equivalent to using the hash character comment style:

```
# This is a comment.
; This is a comment.
```

Note the warning given above for hash character comments beginning with a number.

Direct Assignment Statements

This section describes direct assignment statements, which don't conform to the normal statement syntax described earlier in this chapter. A direct assignment statement can be used to assign the value of an expression to an identifier. The format of a direct assignment statement is:

```
identifier = expression
```

If *expression* in a direct assignment is absolute, *identifier* is also absolute, and it may be treated as a constant in subsequent expressions. If *expression* is relocatable, *identifier* is also relocatable, and it is considered to be declared in the same program section as the expression.

The use of an assignment statement is analogous to using the `.set` directive (described in ".set" (page 51)), except that the `.set` directive makes the value of the expression absolute. This is used when an assembly time constant is wanted for what would otherwise generate a relocatable expression using the position independent expression of `symbol1 - symbol2`. For example, the size of the function is needed as one of the fields of the C++ exception information and is set with:

```
.set L_foo_size, L_foo_end - _foo
.long L_foo_size ; size of function _foo
```

where a position independent pointer to the function is another field of the C++ exception information and is set with:

```
.long _foo - .  ; position independent pointer to _foo
```

where the runtime adds the address of the pointer to its contents to get a pointer to the function.

Once an identifier has been defined by a direct assignment statement, it may be redefined—its value is then the result of the last assignment statement. There are a few restrictions, however, concerning the redefinition of identifiers:

- Register identifiers may not be redefined.
- An identifier that has already been used as a label should not be redefined, since this would amount to redefining the address of a place in the program. Moreover, an identifier that has been defined in a direct assignment statement cannot later be used as a label. Only the second situation produces an assembler error message.

Assembler Directives

This chapter describes assembler directives (also known as pseudo operations, or pseudo-ops), which allow control over the actions of the assembler.

Directives for Designating the Current Section

The assembler supports designation of arbitrary sections with the `.section` and `.zerofill` directives (descriptions appear below). Only those sections specified by a directive in the assembly file appear in the resulting object file (including implicit `.text` directives—see "Built-in Directives" (page 37)). Sections appear in the object file in the order their directives first appear in the assembly file. When object files are linked by the link editor, the output objects have their sections in the order the sections first appear in the object files that are linked. See the `ld(1)` Mac OS X man page for more details.

Associated with each section in each segment is an implicit location counter, which begins at zero and is incremented by 1 for each byte assembled into the section. There is no way to explicitly reference a particular location counter, but the directives described here can be used to "activate" the location counter for a section, making it the *current* location counter. As a result, the assembler begins assembling into the section associated with that location counter.

Note: If the `-n` command-line option isn't used, the (`__TEXT`,`__text`) section is used by default at the beginning of each file being assembled, just as if each file began with the `.text` directive.

.section

SYNOPSIS

```
.section  segname , sectname [[[ , type ] , attribute ] , sizeof_stub ]
```

The `.section` directive causes the assembler to begin assembling into the section given by *segname* and *sectname*. A section created with this directive contains initialized data or instructions and is referred to as a content section. *type* and *attribute* may be specified as described under "Section Types and Attributes" (page 32). If *type* is `symbol_stubs`, then the *sizeof_stub* field must be given as the size in bytes of the symbol stubs contained in the section.

.zerofill

SYNOPSIS

```
.zerofill  segname , sectname [ , symbolname , size [ , align_expression ]]
```

The `.zerofill` directive causes *symbolname* to be created as uninitialized data in the section given by *segname* and *sectname*, with a size in bytes given by *size*. A power of 2 between 0 and 15 may be given for *align_expression* to indicate what alignment should be forced on *symbolname*, which is placed on the next expression boundary having the given alignment. See ".align" (page 44) for details.

Section Types and Attributes

A content section has a type, which informs the link editor about special processing needed for the items in that section. The most common form of special processing is for sections containing literals (strings, constants, and so on) where only one copy of the literal is needed in the output file and the same literal can be used by all references in the input files.

A section's attributes record supplemental information about the section that the link editor may use in processing that section. For example, the `pure_instructions` attribute indicates that a section contains only valid machine instructions.

A section's type and attribute are recorded in a Mach-O file as the `flags` field in the section header, using constants defined in the header file `mach-o/loader.h`. The following sections describe the various types and attributes by the names used to identify them in a `.section` directive. The name of the related constant is also given in parentheses following the identifier.

Type Identifiers

The following sections describe section type identifiers.

regular (S_REGULAR)

A `regular` section may contain any kind of data and gets no special processing from the link editor. This is the default section type. Examples of `regular` sections include program instructions or initialized data.

cstring_literals (S_CSTRING_LITERALS)

A `cstring_literals` section contains null-terminated literal C language character strings. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. The last byte in a section of this type must be a null byte, and the strings can't contain null bytes in their bodies. An example of a `cstring_literals` section is one for the literal strings that appear in the body of an ANSI C function where the compiler chooses to make such strings read only.

4byte_literals (S_4BYTE_LITERALS)

A `4byte_literals` section contains 4-byte literal constants. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. An example of a `4byte_literals` section is one in which single-precision floating-point constants are stored for a RISC machine (these would normally be stored as immediates in CISC machine code).

8byte_literals (S_8BYTE_LITERALS)

An `8byte_literals` section contains 8-byte literal constants. The link editor places only one copy of each literal into the output file's section and relocates references to different copies of the same literal to the one copy in the output file. There can be no relocation entries for a section of this type, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. An example of a `8byte_literals` section is one in which double-precision floating-point constants are stored for a RISC machine (these would normally be stored as immediates in CISC machine code).

literal_pointers (S_LITERAL_POINTERS)

A `literal_pointers` section contains 4-byte pointers to literals in a literal section. The link editor places only one copy of a pointer into the output file's section for each pointer to a literal with the same contents. The link editor also relocates references to each literal pointer to the one copy in the output file. There must be exactly one relocation entry for each literal pointer in this section, and all references to literals in this section must be inside the address range for the specific literal being referenced. The relocation entries can be external relocation entries referring to undefined symbols if those symbols identify literals in another object file. An example of a `literal_pointers` section is one containing selector references generated by the Objective-C compiler.

symbol_stubs (S_SYMBOL_STUBS)

A `symbol_stubs` section contains symbol stubs, which are sequences of machine instructions (all the same size) used for lazily binding undefined function calls at runtime. If a call to an undefined function is made, the compiler outputs a call to a symbol stub instead, and tags the stub with an indirect symbol that indicates what symbol the stub is for. On transfer to a symbol stub, a program executes instructions that eventually reach the code for the indirect symbol associated with that stub. Here's a sample of assembly code based on a function `func()` containing only a call to the undefined function `foo()`:

```
    .text
    .align 2
    .globl _func
 _func:
    b L_foo$stub
    .symbol_stub
 L_foo$stub:                             ;
    .indirect_symbol _foo                ;
    lis r11,ha16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)         ;
    lwz r12,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)(r11)    ; the symbol stub
    mtctr r12                            ;
    addi r11,r11,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)    ;
    bctr                                 ;
    .lazy_symbol_pointer
```

```
 L_foo$lazy_ptr:                        ;
    .indirect_symbol _foo               ; the symbol pointer
    .long dyld_stub_binding_helper      ; to be replaced by _foo's address
```

The symbol-stub sections in the IA-32 architecture—instead of using a stub and a lazy pointer—use one branch instruction that specifies the target. This is the corresponding IA-32 assembly code:

```
    .text
    .align 2
    .globl _func
_func:
    pushl   %ebp
    movl    %esp, %ebp
    subl    $8, %esp
    call    L_foo$stub
    leave
    ret
    .symbol_stub
L_foo$stub:
     .indirect_symbol _foo
     hlt ; hlt ; hlt ; hlt ; hlt
```

In the assembly code, `_func` branches to `L_foo$stub`, which is responsible for finding the definition of the function `foo()`. On PPC (and PPC64), `L_foo$stub` jumps to the contents of `L_foo$lazy_ptr`. This value is initially the address of the `dyld_stub_binding_helper` code, which after executing causes it to overwrite the contents of `L_foo$lazy_ptr` with the address of the real function, `_foo`, and jump to `_foo`.

On IA-32, the branch instruction points to the dynamic linker. The first time the stub is called, the dynamic linker modifies the instruction so that it jumps to the real function in subsequent calls.

The indirect symbol entries for `_foo` provide information to the static and dynamic linkers for binding the symbol stub. Each symbol stub and lazy pointer entry must have exactly one such indirect symbol, associated with the first address in the stub or pointer entry. See ".indirect_symbol" (page 48) for more information.

The static link editor places only one copy of each stub into the output file's section for a particular indirect symbol, and relocates all references to the stubs with the same indirect symbol to the stub in the output file. Further, the static link editor eliminates a stub if it determines that the target is in the same linkage unit and doesn't need redirecting at runtime. No global symbols can be defined in `symbol_stubs` sections.

On PPC, the stub can refer only to itself, one lazy symbol pointer (referring to the same indirect symbol as the stub), and the `dyld_stub_binding_helper()` function.

lazy_symbol_pointers (S_LAZY_SYMBOL_POINTERS)

A `lazy_symbol_pointers` section contains 4-byte symbol pointers that eventually contain the value of the indirect symbol associated with the pointer. These pointers are used by symbol stubs to lazily bind undefined function calls at runtime. A lazy symbol pointer initially contains an address in the symbol stub of instructions that cause the symbol pointer to be bound to the function definition (in the example in "symbol_stubs (S_SYMBOL_STUBS)" (page 33), the lazy pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr` initially contains the address for `dyld_stub_binding_helper` but gets overwritten with the address for `_foo`). The dynamic link editor binds the indirect symbol associated with the lazy symbol pointer by overwriting it with the value of the symbol.

The static link editor places a copy of a lazy pointer in the output file only if the corresponding symbol stub is in the output file. Only the corresponding symbol stub can make a reference to a lazy symbol pointer, and no global symbols can be defined in this type of section. There must be one indirect symbol associated with each lazy symbol pointer. An example of a `lazy_symbol_pointers` section is one in which the compiler has generated calls to undefined functions, each of which can be bound lazily at the time of the first call to the function.

non_lazy_symbol_pointers (S_NON_LAZY_SYMBOL_POINTERS)

A `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` section contains 4-byte symbol pointers that contain the value of the indirect symbol associated with a pointer that may be set at any time before any code makes a reference to it. These pointers are used by the code to reference undefined symbols. Initially these pointers have no interesting value but get overwritten by the dynamic link editor with the value of the symbol for the associated indirect symbol before any code can make a reference to it.

The static link editor places only one copy of each non-lazy pointer for its indirect symbol into the output file and relocates all references to the pointer with the same indirect symbol to the pointer in the output file. The static link editor further can fill in the pointer with the value of the symbol if a definition of the indirect symbol for that pointer is present in the output file. No global symbols can be defined in this type of section. There must be one indirect symbol associated with each non-lazy symbol pointer. An example of a `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` section is one in which the compiler has generated code to indirectly reference undefined symbols to be bound at runtime—this preserves the sharing of the machine instructions by allowing the dynamic link editor to update references without writing on the instructions.

Here's an example of assembly code referencing an element in the undefined structure. The corresponding C code would be:

```
struct s {
        int member1, member2;
    };
    extern struct s bar;
    int func()
    {
        return(bar.member2);
    }
```

The PowerPC assembly code might look like this:

```
    .text
    .align 2
    .globl _func
 _func:
    lis r3,ha16(L_bar$non_lazy_ptr)
    lwz r2,lo16(L_bar$non_lazy_ptr)(r3)
    lwz r3,4(r2)
    blr
    .non_lazy_symbol_pointer
 L_bar$non_lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _bar
    .long 0
```

mod_init_funcs (S_MOD_INIT_FUNC_POINTERS)

A `mod_init_funcs` section contains 4-byte pointers to functions that are to be called just after the module containing the pointer is bound into the program by the dynamic link editor. The static link editor does no special processing for this section type except for disallowing section ordering. This is done to maintain the order the functions are called (which is the order their pointers appear in the original module). There must be exactly one relocation entry for each pointer in this section. An example of a `mod_init_funcs` section is one in which the compiler has generated code to call C++ constructors for modules that get dynamically bound at runtime.

mod_term_funcs (S_MOD_TERM_FUNC_POINTERS)

A `mod_term_funcs` section contains 4-byte pointers to functions that are to be called just before the module containing the pointer is unloaded by the dynamic link editor or the program is terminated. The static link editor does no special processing for this section type except for disallowing section ordering. This is done to maintain the order the functions are called (which is the order their pointers appear in the original module). There must be exactly one relocation entry for each pointer in this section. An example of a `mod_term_funcs` section is one in which the compiler has generated code to call C++ destructors for modules that get dynamically bound at runtime.

coalesced (S_COALESCED)

A `coalesced` section can contain any instructions or data and is used when more than one definition of a symbol could be defined in multiple object files being linked together. The static link editor keeps the data associated with the coalesced symbol from the first object file it links and silently discards the data from other object files. An example of a `coalesced` section is one in which the compiler has generated code for implicit instantiations of C++ templates.

Attribute Identifiers

The following sections describe attribute identifiers.

none (0)

No attributes for this section. This is the default section attribute.

S_ATTR_SOME_INSTRUCTIONS

This attribute is set by the assembler whenever it assembles a machine instruction in a section. There is no directive associated with it, since you cannot set it yourself. It is used by the dynamic link editor together with `S_ATTR_EXT_RELOC` and `S_ATTR_LOC_RELOC`, set by the static link editor, to know it must flush the cache and other processor-related functions when it relocates instructions by writing on them.

no_dead_strip (S_ATTR_NO_DEAD_STRIP)

The `no_dead_strip` section attribute specifies that a particular section must not be dead-stripped. See "Directives for Dead-Code Stripping" (page 51) for more information.

no_toc (S_ATTR_NO_TOC)

The `no_toc` section attribute means that the global symbols in this section are not to be used in the table of contents of a static library as produced by the program `ranlib(1)`. This is normally used with a `coalesced` section when it is expected that each object file has a definition of the symbols that it uses.

live_support (S_ATTR_LIVE_SUPPORT)

The `live_support` section attribute specifies that a section's blocks must not be dead-stripped if they reference code that is live, but the reference is undetectable. See "Directives for Dead-Code Stripping" (page 51) for more information.

pure_instructions (S_ATTR_PURE_INSTRUCTIONS)

The `pure_instructions` attribute means that this section contains nothing but machine instructions. This attribute would be used for the (`__TEXT`,`__text`) section of Mac OS X compilers and sections that have a section type of `symbol_stubs`.

strip_static_syms (S_ATTR_STRIP_STATIC_SYMS)

The `strip_static_syms` section attribute means that the static symbols in this section can be stripped from linked images that are used with the dynamic linker when debugging symbols are also stripped. This is normally used with a `coalesced` section that has private `extern` symbols, so that after linking and the private extern symbols have been turned into static symbols they can be stripped to save space in the linked image.

self_modifying_code (S_ATTR_SELF_MODIFYING_CODE)

The `self_modifying_code` section attribute identifies a section with code that can be modified by the dynamic linker. For example, IA-32 symbol stubs are implemented as branch instructions that initially point to the dynamic linker but are modified by the dynamic linker to point to the real symbol.

Built-in Directives

The directives described here are simply built-in equivalents for `.section` directives with specific arguments.

Designating Sections in the __TEXT Segment

The directives listed below cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the `__TEXT` segment. Note that the underscore before `__TEXT`, `__text`, and the rest of the segment names is actually two underscore characters.

Directive	Section
`.text`	(`__TEXT`,`__text`)
`.const`	(`__TEXT`,`__const`)

Directive	Section
.static_const	(__TEXT,__static_const)
.cstring	(__TEXT,__cstring)
.literal4	(__TEXT,__literal4)
.literal8	(__TEXT,__literal8)
.constructor	(__TEXT,__constructor)
.destructor	(__TEXT,__destructor)
.fvmlib_init0	(__TEXT,__fvmlib_init0)
.fvmlib_init1	(__TEXT,__fvmlib_init1)
.symbol_stub	(__TEXT,__symbol_stub1 or __TEXT,__jump_table)
.picsymbol_stub	(__TEXT, __picsymbolstub1 or __TEXT, __picsymbol_stub)

The following sections describe the sections in the __TEXT segment and the types of information that should be assembled into each of them.

.text

This is equivalent to .section __TEXT,__text,regular,pure_instructions when the default -dynamic flag is in effect and equivalent to .section __TEXT,__text,regular when the -static flag is specified.

The compiler places only machine instructions in the (__TEXT,__text) section (no read-only data, jump tables or anything else). With this, the entire (__TEXT,__text) section is pure instructions and tools that operate on object files. The runtime can take advantage of this to locate the instructions of the program and not get confused with data that could have been mixed in. To make this work, all runtime support code linked into the program must also obey this rule (all Mac OS X library code follows this rule).

.const

This is equivalent to .section __TEXT,__const

The compiler places all data declared const and all jump tables it generates for switch statements in this section.

.static_const

This is equivalent to .section __TEXT,__static_const

This is not currently used by the compiler. It was added to the assembler so that the compiler may separate global and static const data into separate sections if it wished to.

.cstring

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__cstring, cstring_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `cstring_literals`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor merges the like literal C strings in all the input object files to one unique C string in the output file. Therefore this section must contain only C strings (a C string in a sequence of bytes that ends in a null byte, `\0`, and does not contain any other null bytes except its terminator). The compiler places literal C strings found in the code that are not initializers and do not contain any embedded nulls in this section.

.literal4

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__literal4,4byte_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `4byte_literals`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor can then merge the like 4 byte literals in all the input object files to one unique 4 byte literal in the output file. Therefore, this section must contain only 4 byte literals. This is typically intended for single precision floating-point constants and the compiler uses this section for that purpose. On some machines it is more efficient to place these constants in line as immediates as part of the instruction.

.literal8

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__literal8,8byte_literals`

This section is marked with the section type `8byte_literals`, which the link editor recognizes. The link editor then can merge the like 8 byte literals in all the input object files to one unique 8 byte literal in the output file. Therefore, this section must only contain 8 byte literals. This is typically intended for double precision floating-point constants and the compiler uses this section for that purpose. On some machines it is more efficient to place these constants in line as immediates as part of the instruction.

.constructor

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__constructor`

.destructor

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__destructor`

The `.constructor` and `.destructor` sections are used by the C++ runtime system, and are reserved exclusively for the C++ compiler.

.fvmlib_init0

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__fvmlib_init0`

.fvmlib_init1

This is equivalent to `.section __TEXT,__fvmlib_init1`

The .fvmlib_init0 and .fvmlib_init1 sections are used by the obsolete fixed virtual memory shared library initialization. The compiler doesn't place anything in these sections, as they are reserved exclusively for the obsolete shared library mechanism.

.symbol_stub

This section is of type symbol_stubs and has the attribute pure_instructions. The compiler places symbol stubs in this section for undefined functions that are called in the module. This is the standard symbol stub section for nonposition-independent code.

Symbol stubs are implemented differently on PPC (and PPC64) and on IA-32. The following sections describe each implementation.

PowerPC

On PowerPC (PPC and PPC64), .symbol_stub is equivalent to .section __TEXT,__symbol_stub1, symbol_stubs, pure_instructions, 20.

The standard symbol stub on PPC and PPC64 is 20 bytes and has an alignment of 4 bytes (.align 2). For example, a stub for the symbol _foo would be (using a lazy symbol pointer L_foo$lazy_ptr):

```
        .symbol_stub
L_foo$stub:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        lis     r11,ha16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)
        lwz     r12,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)(r11)
        mtctr   r12
        addi    r11,r11,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr)
        bctr

        .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        .long   dyld_stub_binding_helper
```

IA-32

On IA-32, .symbol_stub is equivalent to .section __IMPORT,__jump_table, symbol_stubs, self_modifying_code + pure_instructions, 5.

On IA-32 this section has an additional attribute, self_modifying_code, which specifies that the code in this section can be modified at runtime. At runtime, the dynamic linker uses this feature in IA-32 stubs to change the branch instruction in the stub so that it jumps to the real symbol instead of their initial target, the dynamic linker itself. This is an example of a symbol stub of the _foo symbol:

```
        .symbol_stub
L_foo$stub:
        .indirect_symbol _foo
        hlt ; hlt ; hlt ; hlt ; hlt
```

.picsymbol_stub

In PowerPC, this directive translates to .section __TEXT, __picsymbolstub1, symbol_stubs, pure_instructions, NBYTES.

This section is of type `symbol_stubs` and has the attribute `pure_instructions`. The compiler places symbol stubs in this section for undefined functions that are called in the module. This is the standard symbol stub section for position-independent code. The value of `NBYTES` is dependent on the target architecture.

The standard position-independent symbol stub for the PowerPC is 36 bytes and has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`). For example, a stub for thesymbol `_foo` would be (using a lazy symbol pointer `L_foo$lazy_ptr`):

```
    .picsymbol_stub
 L_foo$stub:
    .indirect_symbol _foo
    mflr r0
    bcl 20,31,L0$_foo
 L0$_foo:
    mflr r11
    addis r11,r11,ha16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - L0$_foo)
    mtlr r0
    lwz r12,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - L0$_foo)(r11)
    mtctr r12
    addi r11,r11,lo16(L_foo$lazy_ptr - L0$_foo)
    bctr
```

Designating Sections in the __DATA Segment

These directives cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the `__DATA` segment:

Directive	Section
`.data`	(`__DATA`,`__data`)
`.static_data`	(`__DATA`,`__static_data`)
`.non_lazy_symbol_pointer`	(`__DATA`,`__nl_symbol_pointer`)
`.lazy_symbol_pointer`	(`__DATA`,`__la_symbol_pointer`)
`.dyld`	(`__DATA`,`__dyld`)
`.mod_init_func`	(`__DATA`,`__mod_init_func`)
`.mod_term_func`	(`__DATA`,`__mod_term_func`)
`.const_data`	(`__DATA`,`__const`)

The following sections describe the sections in the `__DATA` segment and the types of information that should be assembled into each of them.

.data

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __data`

The compiler places all non-`const` initialized data (even initialized to zero) in this section.

.static_data

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __static_data`

This is not currently used by the compiler. It was added to the assembler so that the compiler could separate global and static data symbol into separate sections if it wished to.

.const_data

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __const, regular`.

This section is of type `regular` and has no attributes. This section is used when dynamic code is being compiled for `const` data that must be initialized.

.lazy_symbol_ptr

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __la_symbol_ptr,lazy_symbol_pointers`

This section is of type `lazy_symbol_pointers` and has no attributes. The compiler places a lazy symbol pointer in this section for each symbol stub it creates for undefined functions that are called in the module. (See ".symbol_stub" (page 40) for examples.) This section has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`).

.non_lazy_symbol_ptr

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __nl_symbol_ptr,non_lazy_symbol_pointers`

This section is of type `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` and has no attributes. The compiler places a non-lazy symbol pointer in this section for each undefined symbol referenced by the module (except for function calls). This section has an alignment of 4 bytes (`.align 2`).

.mod_init_func

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __mod_init_func, mod_init_funcs`

This section is of type `mod_init_funcs` and has no attributes. The C++ compiler places a pointer to a function in this section for each function it creates to call the destructors (if the module has them).

.mod_term_func

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __mod_term_func, mod_term_funcs`

This section is of type `mod_term_funcs` and has no attributes. The C++ compiler places a pointer to a function in this section for each function it creates to call the destructors (if the module has them).

.dyld

This is equivalent to `.section __DATA, __dyld,regular`

This section is of type `regular` and has no attributes. This section is used by the dynamic link editor. The compiler doesn't place anything in this section, as it is reserved exclusively for the dynamic link editor.

Designating Sections in the __OBJC Segment

These directives cause the assembler to begin assembling into the indicated section of the __OBJC segment (or the __TEXT segment):

Directive	Section
.objc_class	(__OBJC,__class)
.objc_meta_class	(__OBJC,__meta_class)
.objc_cat_cls_meth	(__OBJC,__cat_cls_meth)
.objc_cat_inst_meth	(__OBJC,__cat_inst_meth)
.objc_protocol	(__OBJC,__protocol)
.objc_string_object	(__OBJC,__string_object)
.objc_cls_meth	(__OBJC,__cls_meth)
.objc_inst_meth	(__OBJC,__inst_meth)
.objc_cls_refs	(__OBJC,__cls_refs)
.objc_message_refs	(__OBJC,__message_refs)
.objc_symbols	(__OBJC,__symbols)
.objc_category	(__OBJC,__category)
.objc_class_vars	(__OBJC,__class_vars)
.objc_instance_vars	(__OBJC,__instance_vars)
.objc_module_info	(__OBJC,__module_info)
.objc_class_names	(__TEXT,__cstring)
.objc_meth_var_types	(__TEXT,__cstring)
.objc_meth_var_names	(__TEXT,__cstring)
.objc_selector_strs	(__OBJC,__selector_strs)

All sections in the __OBJC segment, including old sections that are no longer used and future sections that may be added, are exclusively reserved for the Objective-C compiler's use.

Directives for Moving the Location Counter

This section describes directives that advance the location counter to a location higher in memory. They have the additional effect of setting the intervening memory to some value.

.align

SYNOPSIS

```
.align    align_expression [ , 1byte_fill_expression [,max_bytes_to_fill]]
.p2align  align_expression [ , 1byte_fill_expression [,max_bytes_to_fill]]
.p2alignw align_expression [ , 2byte_fill_expression [,max_bytes_to_fill]]
.p2alignl align_expression [ , 4byte_fill_expression [,max_bytes_to_fill]]
.align32  align_expression [ , 4byte_fill_expression [,max_bytes_to_fill]]
```

The align directives advance the location counter to the next *align_expression* boundary, if it isn't currently on such a boundary. *align_expression* is a power of 2 between 0 and 15 (for example, the argument of `.align 3` means 2 ^ 3 (8)–byte alignment). The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill_expression* isn't specified). The space between the current value of the location counter to the alignment of the fill expression width is filled with zeros first. Then the fill expression is used until the desired alignment is reached. *max_bytes_to_fill* is the maximum number of bytes that are allowed to be filled for the align directive. If the align directive can't be done in *max_bytes_to_fill* or less, it has no effect. If there is no *fill_expression* and the section has the `pure_instructions` attribute, or contains some instructions, the `nop` opcode is used as the fill expression.

Note: The assembler enforces no alignment for any bytes created in the object file (data or machine instructions). You must supply the desired alignment before any directive or instruction.

EXAMPLE

```
.align 3
one:    .double 0r1.0
```

.org

SYNOPSIS

```
.org  expression [ , fill_expression ]
```

The `.org` directive sets the location counter to *expression*, which must be a currently known absolute expression. This directive can only move the location counter up in address. The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the low-order byte of the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill_expression* isn't specified).

Note: If the output file is later link-edited, the `.org` directive isn't preserved.

EXAMPLE

```
.org 0x100,0xff
```

Directives for Generating Data

The directives described in this section generate data. (Unless specified otherwise, the data goes into the current section.) In some respects, they are similar to the directives explained in "Directives for Moving the Location Counter" (page 43)—they do have the effect of moving the location counter—but this isn't their primary purpose.

.ascii and .asciz

SYNOPSIS

```
.ascii  [ "string" ] [ , "string" ] ...
.asciz  [ "string" ] [ , "string" ] ...
```

These directives translate character strings into their ASCII equivalents for use in the source program. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated strings surrounded by quotation marks. Each string can contain any character or escape sequence that can appear in a character string; the newline character cannot appear, but it can be represented by the escape sequence `\012` or `\n`:

- The `.ascii` directive generates a sequence of ASCII characters.
- The `.asciz` directive is similar to the `.ascii` directive, except that it automatically terminates the sequence of ASCII characters with the null character (`\0`), necessary when generating strings usable by C programs.

If no strings are specified, the directive is ignored.

EXAMPLE

```
.ascii "Can't open the DSP.\0"
.asciz "%s has changes.\tSave them?"
```

.byte, .short, .long, and .quad

SYNOPSIS

```
.byte  [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
.short  [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
.long  [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
.quad [ expression ] [ , expression ] ...
```

These directives reserve storage locations in the current section and initialize them with specified values. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated absolute expressions and generates a sequence of bytes for each expression. The expressions are truncated to the size generated by the directive:

- `.byte` generates 1 byte per expression.
- `.short` generates 2 bytes per expression.
- `.long` generates 4 bytes per expression.

- `.quad` generates 8 bytes per expression.

EXAMPLE

```
.byte  74,0112,0x4A,0x4a,'J                              | the same byte
.short 64206,0175316,0xface                              | the same short
.long  -1234,037777775456,0xfffffb2e                     | the same long
.quad  -1234,01777777777777777775456,0xfffffffffffffb2e | the same quad
```

Note: The `.quad` directive doesn't handle a relocatable expression of the form `.quad foo - bar` when the values of `foo` or `bar` are more than 32 bits.

.comm

SYNOPSIS

```
.comm  name, size
```

The `.comm` directive creates a common symbol named *name* of *size* bytes. If the symbol isn't defined elsewhere, its type is "common."

The link editor allocates storage for common symbols that aren't otherwise defined. Enough space is left after the symbol to hold the maximum size (in bytes) seen for each symbol in the (`__DATA,__common`) section.

The link editor aligns each such symbol (based on its size aligned to the next greater power of two) to the maximum alignment of the (`__DATA,__common`) section. For information about how to change the maximum alignment, see the description of `-sectalign` in the `ld(1)` Mac OS X man page.

EXAMPLE

```
.comm _global_uninitialized,4
```

.fill

SYNOPSIS

```
.fill repeat_expression , fill_size , fill_expression
```

The `.fill` directive advances the location counter by *repeat_expression* times *fill_size* bytes:

- *fill_size* is in bytes, and must have the value `1`, `2`, or `4`
- *repeat_expression* must be an absolute expression greater than zero
- *fill_expression* may be any absolute expression (it gets truncated to the fill size)

EXAMPLE

```
.fill 69,4,0xfeadface   | put out 69 0xfeadface's
```

.lcomm

SYNOPSIS

```
.lcomm  name, size [ , align ]
```

The `.lcomm` directive creates a symbol named *name* of *size* bytes in the (`__DATA,__bss`) section. It contains zeros at execution. The name isn't declared as global, and hence is unknown outside the object module.

The optional *align* expression, if specified, causes the location counter to be rounded up to an *align* power-of-two boundary before assigning the location counter to the value of *name*.

EXAMPLE

```
.lcomm abyte,1     | or:  .lcomm abyte,1,0
.lcomm padding,7
.lcomm adouble,8   | or:  .lcomm adouble,8,3
```

These are the same as:

```
.zerofill __DATA,__bss,abyte,1
.lcomm __DATA,__bss,padding,7
.lcomm __DATA,__bss,adouble,8
```

.single and .double

SYNOPSIS

```
.single  [ number ] [ , number ] ...
.double  [ number ] [ , number ] ...
```

These directives reserve storage locations in the current section and initialize them with specified values. Each directive takes zero or more comma-separated decimal floating-point numbers:

- `.single` takes IEEE single-precision floating point numbers. It reserves 4 bytes for each number and initializes them to the value of the corresponding number.
- `.double` takes IEEE double-precision floating point numbers. It reserves 8 bytes for each number and initializes them to the value of the corresponding number.

EXAMPLE

```
.single 3.33333333333333310000e-01
.double 0.00000000000000000000e+00
.single +Infinity
.double -Infinity
.single NaN
```

.space

SYNOPSIS

```
.space  num_bytes [ , fill_expression ]
```

The `.space` directive advances the location counter by *num_bytes*, where *num_bytes* is an absolute expression greater than zero. The fill expression, if specified, must be absolute. The space between the current value of the location counter and the desired value is filled with the low-order byte of the fill expression (or with zeros, if *fill_expression* isn't specified).

EXAMPLE

```
ten_ones:
          .space 10,1
```

Directives for Dealing With Symbols

This section describes directives that have an effect on symbols and the symbol table.

.globl

SYNOPSIS

```
.globl  symbol_name
```

The `.globl` directive makes *symbol_name* external. If *symbol_name* is otherwise defined (by `.set` or by appearance as a label), it acts within the assembly exactly as if the `.globl` statement was not given; however, the link editor may be used to combine this object module with other modules referring to this symbol.

EXAMPLE

```
.globl abs
      .set abs,1

      .globl var
var:  .long 2
```

.indirect_symbol

SYNOPSIS:

```
.indirect_symbol symbol_name
```

The `.indirect_symbol` directive creates an indirect symbol with*symbol_name* and associates the current location with the indirect symbol. An indirect symbol must be defined immediately before each item in a `symbol_stub`, `lazy_symbol_pointers`, and `non_lazy_symbol_pointers` section. The static and dynamic linkers use*symbol_name* to identify the symbol associated with the item following the directive.

.reference

SYNOPSIS

```
.reference  symbol_name
```

The `.reference` directive causes *symbol_name* to be an undefined symbol present in the output file's symbol table. This is useful in referencing a symbol without generating any bytes to do it (used, for example, by the Objective-C runtime system to reference superclass objects).

EXAMPLE

```
.reference  .objc_class_name_Object
```

.weak_reference

SYNOPSIS

```
.weak_reference  symbol_name
```

The `.weak_reference` directive causes *symbol_name* to be a weak undefined symbol present in the output file's symbol table. This is used by the compiler when referencing a symbol with the `weak_import` attribute.

EXAMPLE

```
.weak_reference  .objc_class_name_Object
```

.lazy_reference

SYNOPSIS

```
.lazy_reference  symbol_name
```

The `.lazy_reference` directive causes *symbol_name* to be a lazy undefined symbol present in the output file's symbol table. This is useful when referencing a symbol without generating any bytes to do it (used, for example, by the Objective-C runtime system with the dynamic linker to reference superclass objects but allow the runtime to bind them on first use).

EXAMPLE

```
.lazy_reference  .objc_class_name_Object
```

.weak_definition

SYNOPSIS

```
.weak_definition symbol_name
```

The .weak_definition directive causes *symbol_name* to be a weak definition. *symbol_name* can be defined only in a coalesced section. This is used by the C++ compiler to support template instantiation. The compiler uses a coalesced section with the .weak_definition directive for implicitly instantiated templates. And it uses a regular section (.text, .data, a so on) for an explicit template instantiation.

.private_extern

SYNOPSIS:

```
.private_extern symbol_name
```

The .private_extern directive makes *symbol_name* a private external symbol. When the link editor combines this module with other modules (and the -keep_private_externs command-line option is not specified) the symbol turns it from global to static. If both .private_extern and .globl assembler directives are used on the same symbol, the effect is as if only the .private_extern directive was used.

.stabs, .stabn, and .stabd

SYNOPSIS

```
.stabs  n_name , n_type , n_other , n_desc , n_value
.stabn  n_type , n_other , n_desc , n_value
.stabd  n_type , n_other , n_desc
```

These directives are used to place symbols in the symbol table for the symbolic debugger (a "stab" is a symbol table entry).

- .stabs specifies all the fields in a symbol table entry. *n_name* is the name of a symbol; if the symbol name is null, the .stabn directive may be used instead.
- .stabn is similar to .stabs, except that it uses a NULL ("") name.
- .stabd is similar to .stabn, except that it uses the value of the location counter (.) as the *n_value* field.

Note: The *n_other* field of a .stabs directive is ignored, and the value of the *n_sect* field (what was the *n_other* field) is set based on the symbol used for the *n_value* parameter.

In each case, the *n_type* field is assumed to contain a 4.3BSD-like value for the N_TYPE bits (defined in mach-o/stab.h). For .stabs and .stabn, the n_sect field of the Mach-O file's nlist is set to the section number of the symbol for the specified *n_value* parameter. For .stabd, the n_sect field is set to the current section number for the location counter. The nlist structure is defined in mach-o/nlist.h.

EXAMPLE

```
.stabs  "hello.c",100,0,0,Ltext
.stabn  192,0,0,LBB2
.stabd  68,0,15
```

.desc

SYNOPSIS

```
.desc  symbol_name , absolute_expression
```

The `.desc` directive sets the `n_desc` field of the specified symbol to *absolute_expression*.

EXAMPLE

```
.desc _environ, 0x10 ; set the REFERENCED_DYNAMICALLY bit
```

.set

SYNOPSIS

```
.set  symbol_name , absolute_expression
```

The `.set` directive creates the symbol *symbol_name* and sets its value to *absolute_expression*. This is the same as using *symbol_name=absolute_expression*.

EXAMPLE

```
.set one,1
two = 2
```

.lsym

SYNOPSIS

```
.lsym  symbol_name , expression
```

A unique and otherwise unreferenceable symbol of the *symbol_name*, *expression* pair is created in the symbol table. The symbol created is a static symbol with a type of absolute (`N_ABS`). Some Fortran 77 compilers use this mechanism to communicate with the debugger.

Directives for Dead-Code Stripping

Dead-code stripping is the process by which the static link editor removes unused code and data blocks from executable files. This process helps reduce the overall size of executables, which in turn improves performance by reducing the memory footprint of the executable. It also allows programs to link successfully in the situation where unused code refers to an undefined symbol, something that would normally result in a link error. For more information on dead-code stripping, see "Linking" in *Xcode User Guide*.

The following sections describe the dead-code stripping directives.

.subsections_via_symbols

SYNOPSIS

```
.subsections_via_symbols
```

The `.subsections_via_symbols` directive tells the static link editor that the sections of the object file can be divided into individual blocks. These blocks are then stripped if they are not used by other code. This directive applies to all section declarations in the assembly file and should be placed outside any section declarations, as shown here:

```
.subsections_via_symbols

; Section declarations...
```

When using this directive, ensure that each symbol in the section is at the beginning of a block of code. Implicit dependencies between blocks of code may result in the removal of needed code from the executable. For example, the following section contains three symbols, but execution of the code at `_plus_three` ends at the `blr` statement at the bottom of the code block:

```
.text
 .globl _plus_three
 _plus_three:
 addi r3, r3, 1
 .globl _plus_two
 _plus_two:
 addi r3, r3, 1
 .globl _plus_one
 _plus_one:
 addi r3, r3, 1
 blr
```

If you use the `.subsections_via_symbols` directive on this code and `_plus_two` and `_plus_three` are not called by any other code, the static link editor would not add `_plus_two` and `_plus_one` to the executable. In that case, `_plus_three` would not return the correct value because part of its implementation would be missing. In addition, if `_plus_one` is dead-stripped, the program may crash when `_plus_three` is executed, as it would continue executing into the following block.

.no_dead_strip

SYNOPSIS

```
.no_dead_strip symbol_name
```

The `.no_dead_strip` directive tells the assembler that the symbol specified by *`symbol_name`* must not be dead-stripped. For example, the following code prevents `_my_version_string` from being dead-stripped:

```
.no_dead_strip _my_version_string
.cstring
_my_version_string:
.ascii "Version 1.1"
```

Miscellaneous Directives

This section describes additional directives that don't fit into any of the previous sections.

.abort

SYNOPSIS

```
.abort  [  "abort_string" ]
```

The `.abort` directive causes the assembler to ignore further input and quit processing. No files are created. The directive could be used, for example, in a pipe-interconnected version of a compiler—the first major syntax error would cause the compiler to issue this directive, saving unnecessary work in assembling code that would have to be discarded anyway.

The optional *abort_string* is printed as part of the error message when the `.abort` directive is encountered.

EXAMPLE

```
#ifndef VAR
    .abort "You must define VAR to assemble this file."
#endif
```

.abs

SYNOPSIS

```
.abs  symbol_name , expression
```

This directive sets the value of *symbol_name* to `1` if *expression* is an absolute expression; otherwise, it sets the value to zero.

EXAMPLE

```
.macro var
.abs is_abs,$0
.if is_abs==1
.abort "must be absolute"
.endif
.endmacro
```

.dump and .load

SYNOPSIS

```
.dump filename
.load filename
```

These directives let you dump and load the absolute symbols and macro definitions for faster loading and faster assembly.

These work like this:

```
.include "big_file_1"
.include "big_file_2"
.include "big_file_3"
...
.include "big_file_N"
.dump    "symbols.dump"
```

The `.dump` directive writes out all the N_ABS symbols and macros. You can later use the `.load` directive to load all the N_ABS symbols and macros faster than you could with `.include`:

```
.load "symbols.dump"
```

One useful side effect of loading symbols this way is that they aren't written out to the object file.

.file and .line

SYNOPSIS

```
.file  file_name
.line  line_number
```

The `.file` directive causes the assembler to report error messages as if it were processing the file *file_name*.

The `.line` directive causes the assembler to report error messages as if it were processing the line *line_number*. The next line after the `.line` directive is assumed to be *line_number*.

The assembler turns C preprocessor comments of the form:

```
# line_number file_name level
```

into:

```
.line line_number; .file file_name
```

EXAMPLE

```
.line 6
nop       | this is line 6
```

.if, .elseif, .else, and .endif

SYNOPSIS

```
.if expression
.elseif expression
.else
.endif
```

These directives are used to delimit blocks of code that are to be assembled conditionally, depending on the value of an expression. A block of conditional code may be nested within another block of conditional code. *expression* must be an absolute expression.

For each `.if` directive:

- there must be a matching `.endif`
- there may be as many intervening `.elseif`'s as desired
- there may be no more than one intervening `.else` before the tailing `.endif`

Labels or multiple statements must not be placed on the same line as any of these directives; otherwise, statements including these directives are not recognized and produce errors or incorrect conditional assembly.

EXAMPLE

```
.if a==1
.long 1
.elseif a==2
.long 2
.else
.long 3
.endif
```

.include

SYNOPSIS

```
.include "filename"
```

The `.include` directive causes the named file to be included at the current point in the assembly. The `-Idir` option to the assembler specifies alternative paths to be used in searching for the file if it isn't found in the current directory.

EXAMPLE

```
.include  "macros.h"
```

.machine

SYNOPSIS

```
.machine arch_type
```

The `.machine` directive specifies the target architecture of the assembly file. *`arch_type`* can be any architecture type you can specify in the `-arch` option of the assembler driver. See "Assembler Options" (page 11) for more information.

.macro, .endmacro, .macros_on, and .macros_off

SYNOPSIS

```
.macro
.endmacro
.macros_on
.macros_off
```

These directives allow you to define simple macros (once a macro is defined, however, you can't redefine it). For example:

```
.macro  var
instruction_1  $0,$1
instruction_2  $2
 . . .
instruction_N
.long $n
.endmacro
```

`$`*d* (where *d* is a single decimal digit, 0 through 9) represents each argument—there can be at most 10 arguments. `$`*n* is replaced by the actual number of arguments the macro is invoked with.

When you use a macro, arguments are separated by a comma (except inside matching parentheses—for example, `xxx(1,3,4),yyy` contains only two arguments). You could use the macro defined above as follows:

```
var  #0,@sp,4
```

This would be expanded to:

```
instruction_1 #0,@sp
instruction_2 4
 . . .
instruction_N
.long 3
```

The directives `.macros_on` and `.macros_off` allow macros to be written that override an instruction or directive while still using the instruction or directive. For example:

```
.macro .long
.macros_off
.long $0,$0
.macros_on
.endmacro
```

If you don't specify an argument, the macro substitutes nothing (see ".abs" (page 53)).

PowerPC-Specific Directives

The following directives are specific to the PowerPC architecture.

.flag_reg

SYNOPSIS

```
.flag_reg reg_number
```

This causes the uses of the *reg_number* general register to get flagged as warnings. This is intended for use in macros.

.greg

SYNOPSIS

```
.greg symbol_name, expression...
```

This directive sets *symbol_name* to 1 when *expression* is a general register or zero otherwise. It is intended for use in macros.

.no_ppc601

SYNOPSIS

This causes PowerPC 601 instructions to be flagged as errors. This is the same as if the `-no_ppc601` option is specified.

.noflag_reg

SYNOPSIS

```
.noflag_reg reg_number
```

This turns off the flagging of the uses of the *reg_number* general register so they don't get flagged as warnings. This is intended for use in macros.

Additional Processor-Specific Directives

The following processor-specific directives are synonyms for other standard directives described earlier in this chapter; although they are listed here for completeness, their use isn't recommended. Wherever possible, you should use the standard directive instead.

The following are i386-specific directives:

i386 Directive	Standard Directive
`.ffloat`	`.single`

i386 Directive	Standard Directive
.dfloat	.double
.tfloat	[expression]¨ 80-bit IEEE extended precision floating-point
.word	.short
.value	.short
.ident	(ignored)
.def	(ignored)
.optim	(ignored)
.version	(ignored)
.ln	(ignored)

PowerPC Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions

This chapter contains information specific to the PowerPC processor architecture.

PowerPC Registers and Addressing Modes

This section describes the conventions used to specify addressing modes and instruction mnemonics for the PowerPC series processor architecture. The instructions themselves are detailed in the next section, "PowerPC Assembler Instructions" (page 67).

Registers

Many instructions accept register names as operands. The available register names are listed in this section. These are the user registers:

Register	Description
`r0-r31`	General Purpose Registers
`f0-f31`	Floating-Point Registers
`xer`	Fixed-Point Exception Register
`fpscr`	Floating-Point Status and Control Register
`cr`	Condition Register
`lr`	Link Register
`ctr`	Count Register
v0–v31	Vector Registers (AltiVec specific)

For instructions that take either 0 or a general purpose register as an operand, `r0` may not be used as either a zero or a register operand; the literal value `0` must be used instead.

These are the special registers

Registers	Description
sr0-sr15	Segment Registers

Operands and Addressing Modes

The PowerPC processor architecture has only one addressing mode for load and store instructions: register plus displacement. The general form for address operands is:

displacement(*register*)

If there is no displacement, the parentheses around the register name must still be used. For example, the first two of the following statements are legal, but the last isn't:

```
lwz   r12,4(r1)
lwz   r12,(r1)   ; same as displacement of 0
lwz   r12,r1     ; INCORRECT
```

To specify an arbitrary 32-bit address, two instructions must be used, since all instructions are 32 bits long and can't contain both an opcode and a full address. A pair of instructions used to load or store data at an address falls into one of a small set of idioms, using the assembler operators `lo16()`, `hi16()`, and `ha16()` to isolate the required portion of the 32-bit address expression. The idioms themselves are discussed below

- `lo16`(*expression*) evaluates to the low (least significant) 16 bits of *expression*, with a relocation type of PPC_RELOC_LO16, PPC_RELOC_LO14, PPC_RELOC_LO16_SECTDIFF, or PPC_RELOC_LO14_SECTDIFF depending on the instruction and the expression it is used with.
- `hi16`(*expression*) evaluates to the high (most significant) 16 bits of *expression* shifted right 16 bits, with a relocation type of PPC_RELOC_HI16 or PPC_RELOC_HI16_SECTDIFF depending on the expression it is used with.
- `ha16(`*expression*`)` evaluates to the high (most significant) 16 bits of *expression* shifted right 16 bits, increased by one if bit 15 of *expression* is set (that is, if the value given by `lo16(`*expression*`)` is negative). This allows the address to be properly reconstituted when the low 16 bit quantity of *expression* is sign-extended by some operators. It has a relocation type of PPC_RELOC_HA16 or PPC_RELOC_HA16_SECTDIFF depending on the expression it is used with.

In specifying a 32-bit address, the desired result is that the 32-bit quantity be in a register. To do this, the high and low 16 bits of the address are entered separately with instructions suited to this task. Generally, the high 16 bits can be entered into a register with the `addis` (Add Immediate Shifted) instruction and the `hi16`() operator. For example, this instruction:

```
addis    r2,0,hi16(expr)
```

adds the high 16 bits of *expr* to 0, and enters the result into the high 16 bits of register 2. The instruction that immediately follows can then combine the low 16 bits with the high 16 bits in the register and perform whatever other operation it does (if any).

For example, to load the *address* of the global variable `spot` into general register 2, the instructions below would be used. The `ori` instruction doesn't sign-extend the displacement, so the high 16 bits of the address needn't be adjusted, and the `hi16()` assembler operator is used.

```
addis    r2,0,hi16(spot)   ; ori doesn't sign-extend
ori      r2,r2,lo16(spot)
```

In loading the *data* stored at `spot` the `lwz` operator is used, which does sign-extend the displacement, the adjusted high 16 bits must be given, with the `ha16()` assembler operator:

```
addis    r2,0,ha16(spot)   ; lwz sign-extends
lwz      r3,lo16(spot)(r2)
```

`lwz` treats the sign-extended low 16 bits as a displacement, adding it to the contents of register 2 to get a 32-bit address, and then loads the word at that address into register 3.

Extended Instruction Mnemonics & Operands

Branch Mnemonics

The PowerPC processor family supports a rich variety of extended mnemonics for its three conditional branch operators: `bc`, `bclr`, and `bcctr`. Normally, the condition and the nature of the branch are specified by numeric operands, but with the extended mnemonics, these numeric operands are determined by the assembler from the mnemonic used.

Conditional branches can alter the contents of the Count Register (`ctr`), and can take effect based on the resulting value in the Count Register, and on whether a specified condition is true or false. The first table below summarizes the extended mnemonics for branches that affect the Count Register, while the second summarizes additional mnemonics for branches on true and false conditions that don't affect the Count Register. The effect of the branch is given on the left. The first four columns of each table are for branches where the Link Register bit in the instruction is clear (not set); the remaining columns are for branches where the Link Register bit in the instruction is set. Each set of four columns gives mnemonics for relative and absolute branches, and for branches to the Link Register or the Count Register.

Branch Type	**LR not set**				**LR set**			
	bc	***bca***	***bclr***	***bcctr***	***bcl***	***bcla***	***bclrl***	***bcctrl***
	Rel.	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**	**Rel.**	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**
unconditional	b	ba	blr	bctr	bl	bla	blrl	bctrl
if condition true	bt	bta	btlr	btctr	btl	btla	btlrl	btctrl
if condition false	bf	bfa	bflr	bfctr	bfl	bfla	bflrl	bfctrl
decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero	bdnz	bdnza	bdnzlr	–	bdnzl	bdnzla	bdnzlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition true	bdnzt	bdnzta	bdnztlr	–	bdnztl	bdnztla	bdnztlrl	–

Branch Type	LR not set				LR set			
	bc	***bca***	***bclr***	***bcctr***	***bcl***	***bcla***	***bclrl***	***bcctrl***
	Rel.	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**	**Rel.**	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition false	bdnzf	bdnzfa	bdnzflr	–	bdnzfl	bdnzfla	bdnzflrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero	bdz	bdza	bdzlr	–	bdzl	bdzla	bdzlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition true	bdzt	bdzta	bdztlr	–	bdztl	bdztla	bdztlrl	–
Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false	bdzf	bdzfa	bdzflr	–	bdzfl	bdzfla	bdzflrl	–

The mnemonics in the table above encode specific values for the BO field of the non-extended operators. The BO field controls the effect on the Count Register and on what type of condition the branch is to be taken. The BI field, which controls the specific condition to consider, must still be given, as the first operand. The value of this operand indicates which field of the Condition Register to use, and which bit within that field to consider.

The Condition Register has 8 fields, numbered 0 to 7, each of which contains a bit for conditions *less than*, *greater than*, *equal*, and *summary overflow or unordered*. The numeric value for field *n* of the Condition Register is 4**n*, and the numeric values for the conditions are 0, 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The following symbols may be used instead of numbers:

Symbol	Value	Meaning
lt	0	Less than
gt	1	Greater than
eq	2	Equal
so	3	Summary overflow
un	3	Unordered (after floating-point comparison)
cr0	0	Condition Register field 0
cr1	4	Condition Register field 1
cr2	8	Condition Register field 2
cr3	12	Condition Register field 3
cr4	16	Condition Register field 4

Symbol	Value	Meaning
cr5	20	Condition Register field 5
cr6	24	Condition Register field 6
cr7	28	Condition Register field 7

For example, a branch *if condition true* for the condition *greater than* in Condition Register field 3 could be written in any of these ways:

```
bt    cr3+gt,target
bt    12+1,target
bt    13,target
```

Omitting the symbol for either the Condition Register field or the condition is permitted, as long as the result of the expression is a number from 0-31:

```
bt    gt,target     ; uses field 0
bt    cr3,target    ; branches on less than in field 3
bt    13,target     ; branches on less than in field 3
```

Another way to specify these conditions is to use the extended mnemonics in the second table, below. These mnemonics encode the actual condition on which to take a branch. The second and third letters of the mnemonic indicate that condition:

Code	Meaning
lt	Less than
le	Less than or equal
eq	Equal
ge	Greater than or equal
gt	Greater than
nl	Not less than
ne	Not equal
ng	Not greater than
so	Summary overflow
ns	Not summary overflow
uo	Unordered (after floating-point comparison)
nu	Not unordered (after floating-point comparison)

Some condition codes, such as `le`, are actually more compact codes for a false result on the opposite condition in the set of conditions given previously (for example, `le` is equivalent to *if condition false* on condition *greater than*).

By default, the extended mnemonics in the table below used Condition Register field 0. An optional first operand can be given to specify another field, in either numeric form or as a symbol of the form `cr`*n*. For example:

```
bgt   target     ; branch if cr0 shows "greater than"
bgt   cr3,target ; branch if cr3 shows "greater than"
```

Branch Type	LR not set				LR set			
	bc	***bca***	***bclr***	***bcctr***	***bcl***	***bcla***	***bclrl***	***bcctrl***
	Rel.	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**	**Rel.**	**Abs.**	**to LR**	**to CTR**
less than	blt	blta	bltlr	bltctr	bltl	bltla	bltlrl	bltctrl
less than or equal	ble	blea	blelr	blectr	blel	blela	blelrl	blectrl
equal	beq	beqa	beqlr	beqctr	beql	beqla	beqlrl	beqctrl
greater than or equal	bge	bgea	bgelr	bgectr	bgel	bgela	bgerl	bgectrl
greater than	bgt	bgta	bgtlr	bgtctr	bgttl	bgla	bgtlrl	bgtctrl
not less than	bnl	bnla	bnllr	bnlctr	bnll	bnlla	bnllrl	bnlctrl
not equal	bne	bnea	bnelr	bnectr	bnel	bnela	bnelrl	bnectrl
not greater than	bng	bnga	bnglr	bngctr	bngl	bngla	bnglrl	bngctrl
summary overflow	bso	bsoa	bsolr	bsoctr	bsol	bsola	bsolrl	bsoctrl
not summary overflow	bns	bnsa	bnslr	bnsctr	bnsl	bnsla	bnslrl	bnsctrl
unordered	bun	buna	bunlr	bunctr	bunl	bunla	bunlrl	bunctrl
not unordered	bnu	bnua	bnulr	bnuctr	bnul	bnula	bnulrl	bnuctrl

Branch Prediction

PowerPC processors attempt to determine whether a conditional branch is likely to be taken or not. By default, they assume the following about conditional branches:

- A conditional branch with a negative displacement (that is, a branch to a lower address) is predicted to be taken. This type of branch may, for example, lead to the beginning of a loop that's repeated many times.
- A conditional branch with a non-negative displacement is predicted not to be taken (that is, it falls through).
- A conditional branch to an address in the Link or Count Registers is predicted not to be taken (that is, it falls through).

If the assembly language programmer knows the likely outcome of a conditional branch, a suffix can be added to the mnemonic that indicates which way the branch should be predicted to go: a '+' instructs the processor to predict that the branch will be taken, while a '-' instructs it to predict that the branch will not be taken. The branch prediction in for the 64-bit PowerPC AS architecture uses a different encoding for static branch prediction than the classic PowerPC architecture. This is encoded in the AT bits instead of the Y-bit of the conditional branch. The assembler takes '++' and '--' suffixes to encode branch prediction using the AT bits. The '+' and '-' suffixes encode the branch prediction using the Y-bit by default. The flag `-static_branch_prediction_AT_bits` changes this so that the '+' and '-' suffixes encode the AT bits. Where an operator allows a prediction suffix, a '±' symbol appears after it in the table in "PowerPC Assembler Instructions" (page 67).

Use the `jbsr` pseudo instruction when you may not be able to reach the target of a branch and link instruction with a `bl` instruction. The `jbsr` instruction uses a sequence of code called a long branch stub which will always be able to reach the target.

```
jbsr  _foo,L1
      ...
L1:   lis   r12,hi16(_foo)     ; long branch stub
      ori   r12,r12,lo16(_foo)
      mtctr  r12
      bctr
```

The jbsr pseudo instruction assembles to a bl instruction targeted at L1. It also generates a PPC_RELOC_JBSR relocation entry for the symbol _foo. Then when the linker creates a non-relocatable output file it will change the target of the bl instruction to _foo if the bl instruction's displacement will reach. Else it will leave the bl instruction targeted at L1.

Trap Mnemonics

Like the branch-on-condition mnemonics above, the `trap` operator also has extended mnemonics which encode the numeric TO field as follows:

Code	Meaning	TO encoding
lt	Less than	16
le	Less than or equal	20
eq	Equal	4
ge	Greater than or equal	12
gt	Greater than	8
nl	Not less than	12
ne	Not equal	24
ng	Not greater than	20
llt	Logically less than	2

Code	Meaning	TO encoding
lle	Logically less than or equal	6
lge	Logically greater than or equal	5
lgt	Logically greater than	1
lnl	Logically not less than	5
lng	Logically not greater than	6
(none)	Unconditional	31

The condition is indicated from the third letter of the extended mnemonics in the table below:

Trap Type	64-bit comparison		32-bit-comparison	
	tdi	***td***	***twi***	***tw***
	Immediate	**Register**	**Immediate**	**Register**
unconditional	–	–	–	trap
if less than	tdlti	tdlt	twlti	twlt
if less than or equal	tdlei	tdle	twlei	twle
if equal	tdeqi	tdeq	tweqi	tweq
if greater than or equal	tdgei	tdge	twgei	twge
if greater than	tdgti	tdgt	twgti	twgt
if not less than	tdnli	tdnl	twnli	twnl
if not equal	tdnei	tdne	twnei	twne
if not greater than	tdngi	tdng	twngi	twng
if logically less than	tdllti	tdllt	twllti	twllt
if logically less than or equal	tdllei	tdlle	twllei	twlle
if logically greater than or equal	tdlgei	tdlge	twlgei	twlge
if logically greater than	tdlgti	tdlgt	twlgti	twlgt
if logically not less than	tdlnli	tdlnl	twlnli	twlnl
if logically not greater than	tdlngi	tdlng	twlngi	twlng

PowerPC Assembler Instructions

Note the following points about the information contained in this section:

- `Operation Name` is the name that appears in the PowerPC manuals, or the effect of the operator for an extended mnemonic.
- The form of operands is that used in *PowerPC Microprocessor Family: The Programming Environments.*
- The order of operands is `destination` <- `source`.

A

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
abs	RT,RA	Absolute (601 specific)
abs.	RT,RA	
abso	RT,RA	
abso.	RT,RA	

add	RT,RA,RB	Add
add.	RT,RA,RB	
addo	RT,RA,RB	
addo.	RT,RA,RB	

addc	RT,RA,RB	Add Carrying
addc.	RT,RA,RB	
addco	RT,RA,RB	
addco.	RT,RA,RB	

adde	RT,RA,RB	Add Extended
adde.	RT,RA,RB	
addeo	RT,RA,RB	
addeo.	RT,RA,RB	

addi	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate

addic	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate Carrying

addic.	RT,RA,SI	Add Immediate Carrying and Record

addis	RT,RA,UI	Add Immediate Shifted

addme	RT,RA	Add To Minus One Extended
addme.	RT,RA	
addmeo	RT,RA	
addmeo.	RT,RA	

addze	RT,RA	Add To Zero Extended
addze.	RT,RA	
addzeo	RT,RA	
addzeo.	RT,RA	

and	RA,RT,RB	AND
and.	RA,RT,RB	

andc	RA,RT,RB	AND with Complement
andc.	RA,RT,RB	

andi.	RA,RT,UI	AND Immediate

andis.	RA,RT,UI	AND Immediate Shifted

attn	UI	Support Processor Attention

B

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
b	target_addr	Branch
ba	target_addr	
bl	target_addr	
bla	target_addr	

bc±	BO,BD,target_addr	Branch Conditional
bca±	BO,BD,target_addr	
bcl±	BO,BD,target_addr	
bcla±	BO,BD,target_addr	

bclr±	BO,BD	Branch Conditional to Link Register
bclr	BO,BD, BH	
bclr±	BO,BD, BH	
bclrl±	BO,BD	
bclrl±	BO,BD,BH	

bcctr±	BO,BD	Branch Conditional to Count Register
bcctr±	BO,BD, BH	
bcctrl±	BO,BD	
bcctrl±	BO,BD,BH	

bctr		Branch unconditionally to CTR
bctrl		
bctrl	BH	

bctr±	BO,BD	Equiv. to `bcctr± BO,BD`
bctrl±	BO,BD	Equiv. to `bcctrl± BO,BD`

bdnz±	target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero
bdnza±	target_addr	
bdnzl±	target_addr	
bdnzla±	target_addr	
bdnzlr±		...to LR
bdnzlr±	BH	
bdnzlrl±		
bdnzlrl±	BH	

bdnzf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition false
bdnzfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnzflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdnzflr±	CRF+COND, BH	.
bdnzflrl±	CRF+COND	
bdnzflrl±	CRF+COND, BH	

bdnzt±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR non-zero and condition true
bdnzta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdnztlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdnztlr±	CRF+COND,BH	
bdnztlrl±	CRF+COND	

bdnztlrl±	CRF+COND,BH	

bdz±	target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero
bdza±	target_addr	
bdzl±	target_addr	
bdzla±	target_addr	

bdzf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false
bdzfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdzflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdzflr±	CRF+COND,BH	.

bdzflrl±	CRF+COND	
bdzflrl±	CRF+COND,BH	
bdzlr±		
bdzlr±	BH	
bdzlrl±		
bdzlrl±	BH	

bdzt±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Decrement CTR, branch if CTR zero and condition false
bdzta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bdztlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bdztlr±	CRF+COND,BH	
bdztlrl±	CRF+COND	

bdztlrl±	CRF+COND,BH	

beq±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if equal
beq±	target_addr	
beqa±	CRF,target_addr	
beqa±	target_addr	
beql±	CRF,target_addr	
beql±	target_addr	
beqla±	CRF,target_addr	
beqla±	target_addr	
beqctr±	CRF	...to CTR
beqctr±	CRF,BH	
beqctr±		
beqctrl±	CRF	
beqctrl±	CRF,BH	
beqctrl±		
beqlr±	CRF	...to LR
beqlr±	CRF,BH	
beqlr±		
beqlrl±	CRF	
beqlrl±	CRF,BH	
beqlrl±		

bf±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Branch if condition false
bfa±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
bfctr±	CRF+COND	...to CTR

bfctr±	CRF+COND,BH	
bfctrl±	CRF+COND	
bfctrl±	CRF+COND,BH	
bflr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
bflr±	CRF+COND,BH	
bflrl±	CRF+COND	
bflrl±	CRF+COND,BH	

bge±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if greater than or equal
bge±	target_addr	
bgea±	CRF,target_addr	
bgea±	target_addr	
bgel±	CRF,target_addr	
bgel±	target_addr	
bgela±	CRF,target_addr	
bgela±	target_addr	
bgectr±	CRF	...to CTR
bgectr±	CRF,BH	
bgectr±		
bgectrl±	CRF	
bgectrl±	CRF,BH	
bgectrl±		
bgelr±	CRF	...to LR
bgelr±	CRF,BH	
bgelr±		
bgelrl±	CRF	
bgelrl±	CRF,BH	
bgelrl±		

bgt±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if greater than
bgt±	target_addr	
bgta±	CRF,target_addr	
bgta±	target_addr	
bgtl±	CRF,target_addr	
bgtl±	target_addr	
bgtla±	CRF,target_addr	
bgtla±	target_addr	
bgtctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bgtctr±	CRF,BH	
bgtctr±		
bgtctrl±	CRF	
bgtctrl±	CRF,BH	
bgtctrl±		
bgtlr±	CRF	...to LR
bgtlr±	CRF,BH	
bgtlr±		
bgtlrl±	CRF	
bgtlrl±	CRF,BH	
bgtlrl±		

ble±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if less than or equal
ble±	target_addr	
blea±	CRF,target_addr	
blea±	target_addr	
blel±	CRF,target_addr	
blel±	target_addr	
blela+±	CRF,target_addr	

blela±	target_addr	
blectr±	CRF	...to CTR
blectr±	CRF,BH	
blectr±		
blectrl±	CRF	
blectrl±	CRF,BH	
blectrl±		
blelr±	CRF	...to LR
blelr±	CRF,BH	
blelr±		
blelrl±	CRF	
blelrl±	CRF,BH	
blelrl±		

blr		Branch unconditionally to LR
blr	BH	
blrl		
blrl	BH	

blt±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if less than
blt±	target_addr	
blta±	CRF,target_addr	
blta±	target_addr	
bltl±	CRF,target_addr	
bltl±	target_addr	
bltla±	CRF,target_addr	
bltla±	target_addr	
bltctr±	CRF	...to CTR

bltctr±	CRF,BH	
bltctr±		
bltctrl±	CRF	
bltctrl±	CRF,BH	
bltctrl±		
bltlr±	CRF	...to LR
bltlr±	CRF,BH	
bltlr±		
bltlrl±	CRF	
bltlrl±	CRF,BH	
bltlrl±		

bne±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not equal
bne±	target_addr	
bnea±	CRF,target_addr	
bnea±	target_addr	
bnel±	CRF,target_addr	
bnel±	target_addr	
bnela±	CRF,target_addr	
bnela±	target_addr	
bnectr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnectr±	CRF,BH	
bnectr±		
bnectrl±	CRF	
bnectrl±	CRF,BH	
bnectrl±		
bnelr±	CRF	...to LR
bnelr±	CRF,BH	

bnelr±		
bnelrl±	CRF	
bnelrl±	CRF,BH	
bnelrl±		

bng±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not greater than
bng±	target_addr	
bnga±	CRF,target_addr	
bnga±	target_addr	
bngl±	CRF,target_addr	
bngl±	target_addr	
bngla±	CRF,target_addr	
bngla±	target_addr	
bngctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bngctr±	CRF,BH	
bngctr±		
bngctrl±	CRF	
bngctrl±	CRF,BH	
bngctrl±		
bnglr±	CRF	...to LR
bnglr±	CRF,BH	
bnglr±		
bnglrl±	CRF	
bnglrl±	CRF,BH	
bnglrl±		

bnl±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not less than
bnl±	target_addr	

bnla±	CRF,target_addr	
bnla±	target_addr	
bnll±	CRF,target_addr	
bnll±	target_addr	
bnlla±	CRF,target_addr	
bnlla±	target_addr	
bnlctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnlctr±	CRF,BH	
bnlctr±		
bnlctrl±	CRF	
bnlctrl±	CRF,BH	
bnlctrl±		
bnllr±	CRF	...to LR
bnllr±	CRF,BH	
bnllr±		
bnllrl±	CRF	
bnllrl±	CRF,BH	
bnllrl±		

bns±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not summary overflow
bns±	target_addr	
bnsa±	CRF,target_addr	
bnsa±	target_addr	
bnsl±	CRF,target_addr	
bnsl±	target_addr	
bnsla±	CRF,target_addr	
bnsla±	target_addr	
bnsctr±	CRF	...to CTR

bnsctr±	CRF,BH	
bnsctr±		
bnsctrl±	CRF	
bnsctrl±	CRF,BH	
bnsctrl±		
bnslr±	CRF	...to LR
bnslr±	CRF,BH	
bnslr±		
bnslrl±	CRF	
bnslrl±	CRF,BH	
bnslrl±		

bnu±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if not unordered
bnu±	target_addr	
bnua±	CRF,target_addr	
bnua±	target_addr	
bnul±	CRF,target_addr	
bnul±	target_addr	
bnula±	CRF,target_addr	
bnula±	target_addr	
bnuctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bnuctr±	CRF,BH	
bnuctr±		
bnuctrl±	CRF	
bnuctrl±	CRF,BH	
bnuctrl±		
bnulr±	CRF	...to LR
bnulr±	CRF,BH	

bnulr±		
bnulrl±	CRF	
bnulrl±	CRF,BH	
bnulrl±		

bso±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if summary overflow
bso±	target_addr	
bsoa±	CRF,target_addr	
bsoa±	target_addr	
bsol±	CRF,target_addr	
bsol±	target_addr	
bsola±	CRF,target_addr	
bsola±	target_addr	
bsoctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bsoctr±	CRF,BH	
bsoctr±		
bsoctrl±	CRF	
bsoctrl±	CRF,BH	
bsoctrl±		
bsolr±	CRF	...to LR
bsolr±	CRF,BH	
bsolr±		
bsolrl±	CRF	
bsolrl±	CRF,BH	
bsolrl±		

bt±	CRF+COND,target_addr	Branch if condition true
bta±	CRF+COND,target_addr	

btl±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
btla±	CRF+COND,target_addr	
btctr±	CRF+COND	...to CTR
btctr±	CRF+COND,BH	
btctrl±	CRF+COND	
btlr±	CRF+COND	...to LR
btlr±	CRF+COND,BH	
btlrl±	CRF+COND	
btlrl±	CRF+COND,BH	

bun±	CRF,target_addr	Branch if unordered
bun±	target_addr	
buna±	CRF,target_addr	
buna±	target_addr	
bunl±	CRF,target_addr	
bunl±	target_addr	
bunla±	CRF,target_addr	
bunla±	target_addr	
bunctr±	CRF	...to CTR
bunctr±	CRF,BH	
bunctr±		
bunctrl±	CRF	
bunctrl±	CRF,BH	
bunctrl±		
bunlr±	CRF	...to LR
bunlr±	CRF,BH	
bunlr±		
bunlrl±	CRF	

bunlrl±	CRF,BH	
bunlrl±		

C

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
clcs	RD,RA	Cache Line Compute Size (601 specific)

clrldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,0,n`

clrldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,0,n`
clrlsldi	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: `rldic ra,rs,n,b-n`
clrlsldi.	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: `rldic. ra,rs,n,b-n`
clrlslwi	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,n,b-n,31-n`
clrlslwi.	ra,rs,b,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,n,b-n,31-n`
clrlwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,0,n,31`
clrlwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,0,n,31`
clrrdi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicr ra,rs,0,63-n`
clrrdi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicr. ra,rs,0,63-n`
clrrwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,0,0,31-n`
clrrwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,0,0,31-n`

cmp	BF,L,RA,RB	Compare
cmp	CRF,L,RA,RB	
cmp	BF,RA,RB	Equiv to `cmp BF,0,RA,RB`
cmp	CRF,L,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp CRF,0,RA,RB`
cmpd	RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp 0,1,RA,RB`
cmpd	BF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp BF,1,RA,RB`
cmpd	CRF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp BF,1,RA,RB`

cmpw	RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp 0,0,RA,RB`
cmpw	BF,RA,RB	Equiv. to cmp BF,0,RA,RB
cmpw	CRF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmp CRF,0,RA,RB`

cmpi	BF,L,RA,SI	Compare Immediate
cmpi	CRF,L,RA,SI	
cmpi	BF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi BF,0,RA,SI`
cmpi	CRF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,0,RA,SI`
cmpdi	RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi 0,1,RA,SI`
cmpdi	BF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmp BF,1,RA,SI`

cmpdi	CRF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,1,RA,SI`

cmpwi	RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi 0,0,RA,SI`
cmpwi	BF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi BF,0,RA,SI`
cmpwi	CRF,RA,SI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,0,RA,SI`

cmpl	BF,L,RA,RB	Compare Logical
cmpl	CRF,L,RA,RB	
cmpl	BF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl BF,0,RA,RB`
cmpl	CRF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl CRF,0,RA,RB`
cmpld	RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl 0,1,RA,RB`
cmpld	BF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl BF,1,RA,RB`
cmpld	CRF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl CRF,1,RA,RB`
cmplw	RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl 0,0,RA,RB`
cmplw	BF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl BF,0,RA,RB`
cmplw	CRF,RA,RB	Equiv. to `cmpl CRF,0,RA,RB`

cmpli	BF,L,RA,UI	Compare Logical Immediate
cmpli	CRF,L,RA,UI	
cmpli	BF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpli BF,0,RA,UI`
cmpli	CRF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpli CRF,0,RA,UI`
cmpldi	RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi 0,1,RA,UI`
cmpldi	BF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi BF,1,RA,UI`
cmpldi	CRF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,1,RA,UI`
cmplwi	BF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi BF,0,RA,UI`
cmplwi	CRF,RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,0,RA,UI`
cmplwi	RA,UI	Equiv. to `cmpi CRF,0,RA,UI`

cntlzd	RA,RT	Count Leading Zeros Doubleword
cntlzd.	RA,RT	

cntlzw	RA,RT	Count Leading Zeros Word
cntlzw.	RA,RT	

crand	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register AND

crandc	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register AND with Complement

creqv	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register Equivalent

crmove	BT,BA	Condition Register Move (Equiv. to `cror BT,BA,BA`)

crnand	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register NAND

crnor	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register NOR

crnot	BT,BA	Condition Register NOT (Equiv. to `crnor BT,BA,BA`)

cror	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register OR

crorc	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register OR with Complement
crxor	BT,BA,BB	Condition Register XOR

D

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
dcba	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Allocate

dcbf	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Flush

dcbi	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Invalidate

dcbst	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Store

dcbt	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Touch
dcbt	RA,RB,TH	Data Cache Block Touch X-form
dcbt128	RA,RB,TH	(same as above)

dcbtl	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Touch Line
dcbtl	RA,RB,TH	Data Cache Block Touch Line X-form
dcbtl128	RA,RB,TH	(same as above)

dcbtst	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Touch for Store

dcbz	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Set to Zero

dcbzl	RA,RB	Data Cache Block Set to Zero Line
dcbzl128	RA,RB	(same as above)

div	RT,RA,RB	Divide (601 specific)
div.	RT,RA,RB	
divo	RT,RA,RB	
divo.	RT,RA,RB	

divd	RT,RA,RB	Divide Doubleword
divd.	RT,RA,RB	
divdo	RT,RA,RB	
divdo.	RT,RA,RB	

divdu	RT,RA,RB	Divide Doubleword Unsigned
divdu.	RT,RA,RB	
divduo	RT,RA,RB	
divduo.	RT,RA,RB	

divs	RT,RA,RB	Divide Short (601 specific)
divs.	RT,RA,RB	
divso	RT,RA,RB	
divso.	RT,RA,RB	

divw	RT,RA,RB	Divide Word

divw.	RT,RA,RB	
divwo	RT,RA,RB	
divwo.	RT,RA,RB	

divwu	RT,RA,RB	Divide Word Unsigned
divwu.	RT,RA,RB	
divwuo	RT,RA,RB	
divwuo.	RT,RA,RB	

doz	RT,RA,RB	Difference or Zero (601 specific)
doz.	RT,RA,RB	
dozo	RT,RA,RB	
dozo.	RT,RA,RB	

dozi	RT,RA,SI	Difference or Zero Immediate (601 specific)
dss	tag	Data Stream Stop (AltiVec specific)
dssall		Data Stream Stop All (AltiVec specific)
dst	RA,RB,tag	Data Stream Touch (AltiVec specific)
dstst	RA,RB,tag	Data Stream Touch for Store (AltiVec specific)
dststt	RA,RB,tag	Data Stream Touch for Store Transient (AltiVec specific)
dstt	RA,RB,tag	Data Stream Touch Transient (AltiVec specific)

E

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
eciwx	RT,RA,RB	External Control In Word Indexed

ecowx	RT,RA,RB	External Control Out Word Indexed

eieio		Enforce In-order Execution of I/O

eqv	RA,RT,RB	Equivalent
eqv.	RA,RT,RB	

extldi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldicr ra,rs,b,n-1`
extldi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldicr. ra,rs,b,n-1`
extlwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,b,0,n-1`
extlwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,b,0,n-1`
extrdi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,b+n,64-n`
extrdi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,b+n,64-n`
extrwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,b+n,32-n,31`
extrwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,b+n,32-n,31`

extsb	RA,RT	Extend Sign Byte
extsb.	RA,RT	

extsh	RA,RT	Extend Sign Halfword
extsh.	RA,RT	

extsw	RA,RT	Extend Sign Word
extsw.	RA,RT	

F

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
fabs	FRT, FRB	Floating Absolute Value
fabs.	FRT, FRB	

fadd	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Add
fadd.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fadds	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fadds.	FRT,FRA,FRB	

fcfid	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert From Integer Doubleword
fcfid.	FRT,FRB	

fcmpo	BF,FRA,FRB	Floating Compare Ordered
fcmpo	CBF,FRA,FRB	

fcmpu	BF,FRA,FRB	Floating Compare Unordered
fcmpu	CBF,FRA,FRB	

fctid	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Doubleword
fctid.	FRT,FRB	

fctidz	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Doubleword with Round toward Zero
fctidz.	FRT,FRB	

fctiw	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Word
fctiw.	FRT,FRB	

fctiwz	FRT,FRB	Floating Convert to Integer Word with Round toward Zero
fctiwz.	FRT,FRB	

fdiv	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Divide
fdiv.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fdivs	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fdivs.	FRT,FRA,FRB	

fmadd	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Multiply-Add [Single]
fmadd.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fmadds	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fmadds.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	

fmr	FRT,FRB	Floating Move Register
fmr.	FRT,FRB	

fmsub	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Multiply-Subtract
fmsub.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	[Single]
fmsubs	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fmsubs.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	

fmul	FRT,FRA,FRC	Floating Multiply
fmul.	FRT,FRA,FRC	
fmuls	FRT,FRA,FRC	
fmuls.	FRT,FRA,FRC	

fnabs	FRT,FRB	Floating Negative Absolute Value
fnabs.	FRT,FRB	

fneg	FRT,FRB	Floating Negate
fneg.	FRT,FRB	

fnmadd	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Negative Multiply-Add [Single]
fnmadd.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmadds	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmadds.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	

fnmsub	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Negative Multiply-Subtract [Single]
fnmsub.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmsubs	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	
fnmsubs.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	

fres	FRT,FRB	Floating Reciprocal Estimate Single
fres.	FRT,FRB	

frsp	FRT,FRB	Floating Round to Single-Precision
frsp.	FRT,FRB	

frsqrte	FRT,FRB	Floating Reciprocal Square Root Estimate
frsqrte.	FRT,FRB	

fsel	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	Floating Select
fsel.	FRT,FRA,FRC,FRB	

fsqrt	FRT,FRB	Floating Square Root (Double-Precision)
fsqrt.	FRT,FRB	

fsqrts	FRT,FRB	Floating Square Root Single
fsqrts.	FRT,FRB	

fsub	FRT,FRA,FRB	Floating Subtract
fsub.	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fsubs	FRT,FRA,FRB	
fsubs.	FRT,FRA,FRB	

I

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
icbi	RA,RB	Instruction Cache Block Invalidate

inslwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwimi ra,rs,32-b,b,(b+n)-1`
inslwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwimi. ra,rs,32-b,b,(b+n)-1`
insrdi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldimi ra,rs,64-(b+n),b`
insrdi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rldimi. ra,rs,64-(b+n),b`
insrwi	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwimi ra,rs,32-(b+n),b,(b+n)-1`
insrwi.	ra,rs,n,b	Macro: `rlwimi. ra,rs,32-(b+n),b,(b+n)-1`

isync		Instruction Synchronize

J

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
jbsr	Lstub, Lbranch_island	Branch and Link (pseudo-instruction, see “Branch Prediction” (page 64) for more)
jmp	Lstub, Lbranch_island	Branch (pseudo-instruction, see “Branch Prediction” (page 64) for more)

L

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
la	RT,D(RA)	Load Address (Equiv to `addi RT,RA,D`)

lbz	RT,D(RA)	Load Byte and Zero

lbzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Byte and Zero with Update

lbzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Byte and Zero with Update Indexed

lbzx	RT,RA,RB	Load Byte and Zero Indexed

ld	RT,DS(RA)	Load Doubleword

ldarx	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword and Reserve Indexed

ldu	RT,DS(RA)	Load Doubleword with Update

ldux	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword with Update Indexed

ldx	RT,RA,RB	Load Doubleword Indexed

lfd	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Double

lfdu	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Double with Update

lfdux	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Double with Update Indexed

lfdx	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Double Indexed

lfs	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Single

lfsu	FRT,D(RA)	Load Floating-Point Single with Update

lfsux	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Single with Update Indexed

lfsx	FRT,RA,RB	Load Floating-Point Single Indexed

lha	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword Algebraic

lhau	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword Algebraic with Update

lhaux	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Algebraic with Update Indexed

lhax	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Algebraic Indexed

lhbrx	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword Byte-Reverse Indexed

lhz	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword and Zero

lhzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Halfword and Zero with Update

lhzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword and Zero with Update Indexed

lhzx	RT,RA,RB	Load Halfword and Zero Indexed

li	Rx,value	Load Immediate
lis	Rx,value	

lmw	RT,D(RA)	Load Multiple Word

lscbx	RT,RA,RB	Load String and Compare Byte Indexed (601 specific)
lscbx.	RT,RA,RB	

lswi	RT,RA,NB	Load String Word Immediate

lswx	RT,RA,RB	Load String Word Indexed
lvebx	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector Element Byte Indexed (AltiVec specific)
lvehx	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector Element Halfword Indexed (AltiVec specific)
lvewx	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector Element Word Indexed (AltiVec specific)
lvsl	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector for Shift Left (AltiVec specific)
lvsr	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector for Shift Right (AltiVec specific)
lvx	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector Indexed (AltiVec specific)
lvxl	VT,RA,RB	Load Vector Indexed LRU (AltiVec specific)

lwa	RT,DS(RA)	Load Word Algebraic

lwarx	RT,RA,RB	Load Word and Reserve Indexed

lwaux	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Algebraic with Update Indexed

lwax	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Algebraic Indexed

lwbrx	RT,RA,RB	Load Word Byte-Reverse Indexed

lwsync		Light-Weight Sync Operation

lwz	RT,D(RA)	Load Word and Zero

lwzu	RT,D(RA)	Load Word and Zero with Update

lwzux	RT,RA,RB	Load Word and Zero with Update Indexed

lwzx	RT,RA,RB	Load Word and Zero Indexed

M

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
maskg	RA,RS,RB	Mask Generate (601 specific)
maskg.	RA,RS,RB	

maskir	RA,RS,RB	Mask Insert From Register (601 specific)
maskir.	RA,RS,RB	

mcrf	CRF,CRF	Move Condition Register Field
mcrf	BF,BFA	

mcrfs	BF,BFA	Move to Condition Register from FPSCR
mcrfs	CRF,BFA	

mcrxr	BF	Move to Condition Register from XER
mcrxr	CRF	

mfcr	RT	Move From Condition Register
mfcr	RT,FXM	

mfctr	RT	Move From Count Register

mffs	FRT	Move From FPSCR
mffs.	FRT	

mfmsr	RT	Move From Machine State Register

mfspr	RT,SPR	Move From Special Purpose Register
mfxer	Rx	Fixed-Point Exception Register (equiv. to `mfspr 1,Rx`)
mflr	Rx	Link Register (equiv. to `mfspr 8,Rx`)
mfctr	Rx	Count Register (equiv. to `mfspr 8,Rx`)
mfdsisr	Rx	Data Storage Interrupt Status Register (macro)
mfdar	Rx	Data Address Register (macro)
mfdec	Rx	Decrementer (macro)
mfear	Rx	Move from External Address (Equiv. to `mfspr 282, Rx`)
mfsdr1	Rx	Storage Description Register 1 (macro)
mfsrr0	Rx	Save/Restore Register 0 (macro)
mfsrr1	Rx	Save/Restore Register 1 (macro)
mfsprg	*n*,Rx	Special Purpose Register *n* (macro)

mfasr	Rx	Address Space Register (macro)
mfmq	Rx	Move from MQ Register (601 Only) (Equiv to `mfspr 0,Rx`)
mfrtcd	Rx	Real Time Clock Divisor (macro)
mfrtcl	Rx	Move from Real Time Clock Lower (601 Only) (Equiv. to `mfspr 5, Rx`)
mfrtcu	Rx	Move from Real Time Clock Upper (601 Only) (Equiv. to `mfspr 4, Rx`)
mfrtci	Rx	Real Time Clock Increment (macro)
mfpvr	Rx	Processor Version Register (macro)
mfibatu	n,Rx	IBAT Register *n*, Upper (macro)
mfibatl	n,Rx	IBAT Register *n*, Lower (macro)
mfdbatu	n,Rx	DBAT Register *n*, Upper (macro)
mfdbatl	n,Rx	DBAT Register *n*, Lower (macro)

mfsr	RT,SR	Move From Segment Register

mfsrin	RT,RB	Move From Segment Register Indirect

mftb	RT	Move from Time Base
mftb	RT,TBR	

mftbu	RT	Move from Time Base Upper
mfvscr	VT	Move From Vector Status and Control Register (AltiVec specific)

mr	Rx,Ry	Move Register
mr.	Rx,Ry	

mtcrf	FXM,RT	Move to Condition Register Fields

mtfsb0	BT	Move to FPSCR Bit 0
mtfsb0.	BT	

mtfsb1	BT	Move to FPSCR Bit 1
mtfsb1.	BT	

mtfsf	FLM,FRB	Move to FPSCR Fields
mtfsf.	FLM,FRB	

mtfsfi	BF,U	Move to FPSCR Field Immediate
mtfsfi.	BF,U	
mtfs	Rx	Equiv. to `mtfsf 0xFF,Rx`
mtfs.	Rx	Equiv. to `mtfsf. 0xFF, Rx`

mtmsr	RT	Move to Machine State Register
mtmsrd	RA	
mtmsrd	RA,L	

mtspr	SPR,RT	Move To Special Purpose Register
mtxer	Rx	Fixed-Point Exception Register (equiv. to `mtspr 1,Rx`)
mtlr	Rx	Link Register (equiv. to `mtspr 8,Rx`)
mtctr	Rx	Count Register (equiv. to `mtspr 8,Rx`)
mtdsisr	Rx	Data Storage Interrupt Status Register (macro)
mtdar	Rx	Data Address Register (macro)
mtdec	Rx	Decrementer (macro)
mtear	Rx	Move to External Address Register (Equiv. to `mtspr 282,Rx`)
mtsdr1	Rx	Storage Description Register 1 (macro)
mtsrr0	Rx	Save/Restore Register 0 (macro)

mtsrr1	Rx	Save/Restore Register 1 (macro)
mtsprg	n,Rx	Special Purpose Register *n* (macro)
mtasr	Rx	Address Space Register (macro)
mtmq	Rx	Move to MQ Register (601 Only) (Equiv. to `mtspr 0,Rx`)
mtrtcd	Rx	Real Time Clock Divisor (macro)
mtrtcl	Rx	Move to Real Time Clock Lower (601 Only) (Equiv. to `mtspr 21,Rx`)
mtrtcu	Rx	Move to Real Time Clock Upper (601 Only) (Equiv. to `mtspr 20,Rx`)
mtrtci	Rx	Real Time Clock Increment (macro)
mtibatu	n,Rx	IBAT Register *n*, Upper (macro)
mtibatl	n,Rx	IBAT Register *n*, Lower (macro)
mtdbatu	n,Rx	DBAT Register *n*, Upper (macro)
mtdbatl	n,Rx	DBAT Register *n*, Lower (macro)

mtsr	SR,RT	Move to Segment Register
mtsrin	RT,RB	Move to Segment Register Indirect

mttbu	RB	Move to Time Base Upper (Equiv. to `mtspr 285,RB`)
mttrbl	RB	Move to Time Base Lower (Equiv. to `mtspr 284,RB`)
mtvscr	VB	Move To Vector Status and Control Register (AltiVec specific)

mul	RT,RA,RB	Multiply (601 specific)
mul.	RT,RA,RB	
mulo	RT,RA,RB	
mulo.	RT,RA,RB	

mulhd	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Doubleword
mulhd.	RT,RA,RB	

mulhdu	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Doubleword Unsigned
mulhdu.	RT,RA,RB	

mulhw	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Word
mulhw.	RT,RA,RB	

mulhwu	RT,RA,RB	Multiply High Word Unsigned
mulhwu.	RT,RA,RB	

mulld	RT,RA,RB	Multiply Low Doubleword
mulld.	RT,RA,RB	
mulldo	RT,RA,RB	
mulldo.	RT,RA,RB	

mullw	RT,RA,RB	Multiply Low
mullw.	RT,RA,RB	
mullwo	RT,RA,RB	
mullwo.	RT,RA,RB	

mulli	RT,RA,SI	Multiply Low Immediate

N

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
nabs	RT,RA	Negative Absolute (601 specific)
nabs.	RT,RA	
nabso	RT,RA	
nabso.	RT,RA	

nand	RA,RT,RB	NAND
nand.	RA,RT,RB	

neg	RT,RA	Negate
neg.	RT,RA	
nego	RT,RA	
nego.	RT,RA	

nop		No-op

nor	RA,RT,RB	Nor
nor.	RA,RT,RB	

not	RA,RT	Not
not.	RA,RT	

O

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
or	RA,RT,RB	OR
or.	RA,RT,RB	

orc	RA,RT,RB	OR with Complement
orc.	RA,RT,RB	

ori	RA,RT,UI	OR Immediate

oris	RA,RT,UI	OR Immediate Shifted

P

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
ptesync		Page Table Entry Synchronize

R

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
rfi		Return From Interrupt
rfid		Return From Interrupt Doubleword

rldcl	RA,RS,RB,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Clear Left
rldcl.	RA,RS,RB,mb	

rldcr	RA,RS,RB,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Clear Right
rldcr.	RA,RS,RB,mb	

rldic	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear
rldic.	RA,RS,sh,mb	

rldicl	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear Left
rldicl.	RA,RS,sh,mb	

rldicr	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword Immediate then Clear
rldicr.	RA,RS,sh,mb	Right

rldimi	RA,RS,sh,mb	Rotate Left Doubleword then Mask Insert
rldimi.	RA,RS,sh,mb	

rlmi	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	Rotate Left then Mask Insert (601 specific)
rlmi.	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	

rlmi	RA,RS,RB,BM	Rotate Left then Mask Insert (601 specific)
rlmi.	RA,RS,RB,BM	

rlwimi	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word Immediate then Mask Insert
rlwimi.	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	

rlwimi	RA,RS,SH,BM	Rotate Left Word Immediate then Mask Insert
rlwimi.	RA,RS,SH,BM	

rlwinm	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word Immediate then AND with Mask
rlwinm.	RA,RS,SH,MB,ME	

rlwinm	RA,RS,SH,BM	Rotate Left Word Immediate then AND with Mask
rlwinm.	RA,RS,SH,BM	

rlwnm	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	Rotate Left Word then AND with Mask
rlwnm.	RA,RS,RB,MB,ME	

rlwnm	RA,RS,SH,BM	Rotate Left Word then AND with Mask
rlwnm.	RA,RS,SH,BM	

rotld	ra,rs,rb	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,rb,0`
rotld.	ra,rs,rb	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,rb,0`
rotldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,n,0`

rotldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,n,0`
rotlw	ra,rs,rb	Macro: `rlwnm ra,rs,rb,0,31`
rotlw.	ra,rs,rb	Macro: `rlwnm. ra,rs,rb,0,31`
rotlwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,n,0,31`
rotlwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,n,0,31`

rotrdi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,64-n,0`
rotrdi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,64-n,0`
rotrwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,32-n,0,31`
rotrwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,32-n,0,31`

rrib	RA,RS,RB	Rotate Right and Insert Bit (601 specific)
rrib.	RA,RS,RB	

S

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
sc		System Call

slbia		Segment Lookaside Buffer Invalidate All

slbie	RB	Segment Lookaside Buffer Invalidate Entry

slbmfee	RS,RB	SLB Move From Entry ESID
slbmfev	RS,RB	SLB Move From Entry VSID
slbmte	RS,RB	SLB Move To Entry

sld	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Doubleword

sld.	RA,RS,RB	

sldi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicr ra,rs,n,63-n`
sldi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicr. ra,rs,n,63-n`
slwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,n,0,31-n`
slwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,n,0,31-n`

sle	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Extended (601 specific)
sle.	RA,RS,RB	

sleq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Extended with MQ (601 specific)
sleq.	RA,RS,RB	

sliq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Left Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sliq.	RA,RS,SH	

slliq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Left Long Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
slliq.	RA,RS,SH	

sllq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Long with MQ (601 specific)
sllq.	RA,RS,RB	

slq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left with MQ (601 specific)
slq.	RA,RS,RB	

slw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Left Word
slw.	RA,RS,RB	

srad	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic Doubleword
srad.	RA,RS,RB	

sradi	RA,RS,sh	Shift Right Algebraic Doubleword Immediate
sradi.	RA,RS,sh	

sraiq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Algebraic Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sraiq.	RA,RS,SH	

sraq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic with MQ (601 specific)
sraq.	RA,RS,RB	

sraw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Algebraic Word
sraw.	RA,RS,RB	

srawi	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Algebraic Word Immediate
srawi.	RA,RS,SH	

srd	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Doubleword
srd.	RA,RS,RB	
srdi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl ra,rs,64-n,n`
srdi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rldicl. ra,rs,64-n,n`
srwi	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm ra,rs,32-n,n,31`
srwi.	ra,rs,n	Macro: `rlwinm. ra,rs,32-n,n,31`

sre	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended (601 specific)
sre.	RA,RS,RB	

srea	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended Algebraic (601 specific)
srea.	RA,RS,RB	

sreq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Extended with MQ (601 specific)
sreq.	RA,RS,RB	

sriq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
sriq.	RA,RS,SH	

srliq	RA,RS,SH	Shift Right Long Immediate with MQ (601 specific)
srliq.	RA,RS,SH	

srlq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Long with MQ (601 specific)
srlq.	RA,RS,RB	

srq	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right with MQ (601 specific)
srq.	RA,RS,RB	

srw	RA,RS,RB	Shift Right Word
srw.	RA,RS,RB	

stb	RT,D(RA)	Store Byte

stbu	RT,D(RA)	Store Byte with Update

stbux	RT,RA,RB	Store Byte with Update Indexed

stbx	RT,RA,RB	Store Byte Indexed

std	RT,DS(RA)	Store Doubleword

stdcx.	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword Conditional Indexed

stdu	RT,DS(RA)	Store Doubleword with Update

stdux	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword with Update Indexed

stdx	RT,RA,RB	Store Doubleword Indexed

stfd	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Double

stfdu	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Double with Update

stfdux	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Double with Update Indexed

stfdx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Double Indexed

stfiwx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point as Integer Word Indexed

stfs	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Single

stfsu	FRT,D(RA)	Store Floating-Point Single with Update

stfsux	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Single with Update Indexed

stfsx	FRT,RA,RB	Store Floating-Point Single Indexed

sth	RT,D(RA)	Store Halfword

sthbrx	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword Byte-Reverse Indexed

sthu	RT,D(RA)	Store Halfword with Update

sthux	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword with Update Indexed

sthx	RT,RA,RB	Store Halfword Indexed

stvebx	VS,RA,RB	Store Vector Element Byte Indexed (AltiVec specific)
stvehx	VS,RA,RB	Store Vector Element Halfword Indexed (AltiVec specific)
stvewx	VS,RA,RB	Store Vector Element Word Indexed (AltiVec specific)
stvx	VS,RA,RB	Store Vector Indexed (AltiVec specific)
stvxl	VS,RA,RB	Store Vector Indexed LRU (AltiVec specific)

stmw	RT,D(RA)	Store Multiple Word

stswi	RT,RA,NB	Store String Word Immediate

stswx	RT,RA,RB	Store String Word Indexed

stw	RT,D(RA)	Store Word

stwbrx	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Byte-Reverse Indexed

stwcx.	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Conditional Indexed

stwu	RT,D(RA)	Store Word with Update

stwux	RT,RA,RB	Store Word with Update Indexed

stwx	RT,RA,RB	Store Word Indexed

sub	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subf RT,RA,RB`
sub.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subf. RT,RA,RB`
subo	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfo RT,RA,RB`
subo.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfo. RT,RA,RB`

subc	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfc RT,RA,RB`
subc.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfc. RT,RA,RB`
subco	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfco RT,RA,RB`
subco.	RT,RB,RA	Equiv. to `subfco. RT,RA,RB`

subf	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From
subf.	RT,RA,RB	
subfo	RT,RA,RB	
subfo.	RT,RA,RB	

subfc	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From Carrying
subfc.	RT,RA,RB	

subfco	RT,RA,RB	
subfco.	RT,RA,RB	

subfe	RT,RA,RB	Subtract From Extended
subfe.	RT,RA,RB	
subfeo	RT,RA,RB	
subfeo.	RT,RA,RB	

subfic	RT,RA,SI	Subtract From Immediate Carrying

subfme	RT,RA	Subtract From Minus One Extended
subfme.	RT,RA	
subfmeo	RT,RA	
subfmeo.	RT,RA	

subfze	RT,RA	Subtract From Zero Extended
subfze.	RT,RA	
subfzeo	RT,RA	
subfzeo.	RT,RA	

subi	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to `addi Rx,Ry,-value`
subic	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to `addic Rx,Ry,-value`
subic.	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to `addic. Rx,Ry,-value`
subis	Rx,Ry,value	Equiv. to `addis Rx,Ry,-value`

sync		Synchronize
sync	L	

T

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
td	TO,RA,RB	Trap Doubleword
tdeq	RA,RB	if equal
tdne	RA,RB	if not equal
tdgt	RA,RB	if greater than
tdge	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
tdng	RA,RB	if not greater than
tdlt	RA,RB	if less than
tdle	RA,RB	if less than or equal
tdnl	RA,RB	if not less than
tdlgt	RA,RB	if logically greater than
tdlge	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
tdlng	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
tdllt	RA,RB	if logically less than
tdlle	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
tdlnl	RA,RB	if logically not less than

tdi	TO,RA,SI	Trap Doubleword Immediate
tdeqi	RA,SI	if equal
tdnei	RA,SI	if not equal
tdgti	RA,SI	if greater than
tdgei	RA,SI	if greater than or equal
tdngi	RA,SI	if not greater than
tdlti	RA,SI	if less than
tdlei	RA,SI	if less than or equal
tdnli	RA,SI	if not less than
tdlgti	RA,SI	if logically greater than

tdlgei	RA,SI	if logically greater than or equal
tdlngi	RA,SI	if logically not greater than
tdllti	RA,SI	if logically less than
tdllei	RA,SI	if logically less than or equal
tdlnli	RA,SI	if logically not less than

tlbia		Translation Lookaside Buffer Invalidate All

tlbie	RB	Translation Lookaside Buffer Invalidate Entry
tlbie	RB,L	
tlbiel	RB	Translation Lookaside Buffer Invalidate Entry Local

tlbld	RB	Load Data TLB Entry (603 specific)
tlbli	RB	Load Instruction TLB Entry (603 specific)

tlbsync		TLB Synchronize

trap		Trap Unconditionally

tw	TO,RA,RB	Trap Word
tweq	RA,RB	if equal
twne	RA,RB	if not equal
twgt	RA,RB	if greater than
twge	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
twng	RA,RB	if not greater than
twlt	RA,RB	if less than
twle	RA,RB	if less than or equal
twnl	RA,RB	if not less than

twlgt	RA,RB	if logically greater than
twlge	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
twlng	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
twllt	RA,RB	if logically less than
twlle	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
twlnl	RA,RB	if logically not less than

twi	TO,RA,SI	Trap Word Immediate
tweqi	RA,RB	if equal
twnei	RA,RB	if not equal
twgti	RA,RB	if greater than
twgei	RA,RB	if greater than or equal
twngi	RA,RB	if not greater than
twlti	RA,RB	if less than
twlei	RA,RB	if less than or equal
twnli	RA,RB	if not less than
twlgti	RA,RB	if logically greater than
twlgei	RA,RB	if logically greater than or equal
twlngi	RA,RB	if logically not greater than
twllti	RA,RB	if logically less than
twllei	RA,RB	if logically less than or equal
twlnli	RA,RB	if logically not less than

V

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vaddcuw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Carry-out Unsigned Word (AltiVec specific)
vaddfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Float (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vaddsbs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Signed Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vaddshs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vaddsws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Signed Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vaddubm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Byte Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vaddubs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vadduhm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Halfword Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vadduhs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vadduwm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Word Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vadduws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Add Unsigned Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vand	VT,VA,VB	Vector Logical AND (AltiVec specific)
vandc	VT,VA,VB	Vector Logical AND with Complement (AltiVec specific)
vmaddfp	VT,VA,VC,VB	Vector Multiply-Add Float (AltiVec specific)
vavgsb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vavgsh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vavgsw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Signed Word (AltiVec specific)
vavgub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Unsigned Byte (AltiVec specific)
vavguh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Unsigned Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vavguw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Average Unsigned Word (AltiVec specific)
vcfsx	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Convert From Signed fiXed-point word (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vcfux	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Convert From Unsigned fiXed-point word (AltiVec specific)
vcmpbfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Bounds Float [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpbfp.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpeqfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Equal-To Float [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpeqfp.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpequb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Equal-To Unsigned Byte [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpequb.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpequh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Equal-To Unsigned Halfword [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpequh.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpequw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Equal-To Unsigned Word [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpequw.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgefp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than-or-Equal-To Float [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgefp.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Float [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtfp.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtsb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Signed Byte [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtsb.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtsh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Signed Halfword [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtsh.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtsw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Signed Word [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtsw.	VT,VA,VB	

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vcmpgtub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Unsigned Byte [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtub.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtuh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Unsigned Halfword [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtuh.	VT,VA,VB	
vcmpgtuw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Compare Greater-Than Unsigned Word [Record] (AltiVec specific)
vcmpgtuw.	VT,VA,VB	
vctsxs	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Convert To Signed fiXed-point word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vctuxs	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Convert To Unsigned fiXed-point word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vexptefp	VT,VB	Vector 2 Raised to the Exponent Estimate Float (AltiVec specific)
vlogefp	VT,VB	Vector Log 2 Estimate Float (AltiVec specific)
vmaxfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Float (AltiVec specific)
vmaxsb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmaxsh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmaxsw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Signed Word (AltiVec specific)
vmaxub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Unsigned Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmaxuh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Unsigned Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmaxuw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Maximum Unsigned Word (AltiVec specific)
vmhaddshs	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-High and Add Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vmhraddshs	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-High Round and Add Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vminfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Float (AltiVec specific)
vminsb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vminsh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vminsw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Signed Word (AltiVec specific)
vminub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Unsigned Byte (AltiVec specific)
vminuh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Unsigned Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vminuw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Minimum Unsigned Word (AltiVec specific)
vmladduhm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Low and Add Unsigned Halfword Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vmr	VT,VS	Vector Move Register (AltiVec specific)
vmrghb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge High Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmrghh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge High Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmrghw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge High Word (AltiVec specific)
vmrglb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge Low Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmrglh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge Low Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmrglw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Merge Low Word (AltiVec specific)
vrsqrtefp	VT,VB	Vector Reciprocal Square Root Estimate Float (AltiVec specific)
vmsummbm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Mixed-sign Byte Modulo (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vmsumshm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Signed Halfword Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vmsumshs	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vmsumubm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Unsigned Byte Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vmsumuhm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Unsigned Halfword Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vmsumuhs	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Multiply-Sum Unsigned Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vmulesb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Even Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmuleub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Even Unsigned Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmulesh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Even Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmuleuh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Even Unsigned Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmulosb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Odd Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmuloub	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Odd Unsigned Byte (AltiVec specific)
vmulosh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Odd Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vmulouh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Multiply Odd Unsigned Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vnmsubfp	VT,VA,VC,VB	Vector Negative Multiply-Subtract Float (AltiVec specific)
vnor	VT,VA,VB	Vector Logical NOR (AltiVec specific)
vnot	VT,VS	Vector Logical Complement (AltiVec specific)
vor	VT,VA,VB	Vector Logical OR (AltiVec specific)
vperm	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Permute (AltiVec specific)
vpkpx	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Pixel32 (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vpkshss	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Signed Halfword Signed Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vpkshus	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Signed Halfword Unsigned Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vpkswss	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Signed Word Signed Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vpkswus	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Signed Word Unsigned Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vpkuhum	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Unsigned Halfword Unsigned Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vpkuhus	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Unsigned Halfword Unsigned Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vpkuwum	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Unsigned Word Unsigned Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vpkuwus	VT,VA,VB	Vector Pack Unsigned Word Unsigned Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vrefp	VT,VB	Vector Reciprocal Estimate Float (AltiVec specific)
vrfim	VT,VB	Vector Round to Floating-Point Integer toward Minus infinity (AltiVec specific)
vrfin	VT,VB	Vector Round to Floating-Point Integer Nearest (AltiVec specific)
vrfip	VT,VB	Vector Round to Floating-Point Integer toward Positive infinity (AltiVec specific)
vrfiz	VT,VB	Vector Round to Floating-Point Integer toward Zero (AltiVec specific)
vrlb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Rotate Left Integer Byte (AltiVec specific)
vrlh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Rotate Left Integer Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vrlw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Rotate Left Integer Word (AltiVec specific)
vsel	VT,VA,VB,VC	Vector Conditional Select (AltiVec specific)
vsl	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Left (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vslb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Left Integer Byte (AltiVec specific)
vsldoi	VT,VA,VB,SH	Vector Shift Left Double by Octet Immediate (AltiVec specific)
vslh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Left Integer Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vslo	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Left by Octet (AltiVec specific)
vslw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Left Integer Word (AltiVec specific)
vspltb	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Splat Byte (AltiVec specific)
vsplth	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Splat Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vspltisb	VT,SIM	Vector Splat Immediate Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vspltish	VT,SIM	Vector Splat Immediate Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vspltisw	VT,SIM	Vector Splat Immediate Signed Word (AltiVec specific)
vspltw	VT,VB,UIM	Vector Splat Word (AltiVec specific)
vsr	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right (AltiVec specific)
vsrab	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Algebraic Byte (AltiVec specific)
vsrah	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Algebraic Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vsraw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Algebraic Word (AltiVec specific)
vsrb	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Byte (AltiVec specific)
vsrh	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vsro	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right by Octet (AltiVec specific)
vsrw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Shift Right Word (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vsubcuw	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract & write Carry-out Unsigned Word (AltiVec specific)
vsubfp	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Float (AltiVec specific)
vsubsbs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Signed Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsubshs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsubsws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Signed Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsububm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Byte Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vsububs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsubuhm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Halfword Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vsubuhs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsubuwm	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Word Modulo (AltiVec specific)
vsubuws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Subtract Unsigned Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsumsws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Sum Across Signed Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsum2sws	VT,VA,VB	Vector Sum Across Partial (1/2) Signed Word Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsum4sbs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Sum Across Partial (1/4) Signed Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsum4shs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Sum Across Partial (1/4) Signed Halfword Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vsum4ubs	VT,VA,VB	Vector Sum Across Partial (1/4) Unsigned Byte Saturate (AltiVec specific)
vupkhpx	VT,VB	Vector Unpack High Pixel16 (AltiVec specific)
vupkhsb	VT,VB	Vector Unpack High Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
vupkhsh	VT,VB	Vector Unpack High Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vupklsb	VT,VB	Vector Unpack Low Signed Byte (AltiVec specific)
vupklpx	VT,VB	Vector Unpack Low Pixel16 (AltiVec specific)
vupklsh	VT,VB	Vector Unpack Low Signed Halfword (AltiVec specific)
vxor	VT,VA,VB	Vector Logical XOR (AltiVec specific)

X

Operator	Operands	Operation Name
xor	RA,RT,RB	XOR
xor.	RA,RT,RB	

xori	RA,RT,UI	XOR Immediate

xoris	RA,RT,UI	XOR Immediate Shifted

i386 Addressing Modes and Assembler Instructions

Important: This is a preliminary section. It has not been updated with the latest revisions to the i386 addressing modes and instructions. While most of the information is technically accurate, the document is incomplete and is subject to change.You can check http://developer.apple.com/ for information about updates to this and other developer documents. To receive notification of documentation updates, you can sign up for a free Apple Developer Connection Online membership and receive the biweekly ADC News e-mail newsletter. (See http://developer.apple.com/membership/ for more details about ADC membership.)

This chapter contains information specific to the Intel i386 processor architecture, which includes the i386, i486, and Pentium processors. The first section, "i386 Registers and Addressing Modes" (page 125), lists the registers available and describes the addressing modes used by assembler instructions. The second section, "i386 Assembler Instructions" (page 129), lists each assembler instruction with Mac OS X assembler syntax.

Note: Don't confuse the i386 architecture with the i386 processor. Darwin makes use of instructions specific to the i486 and Pentium processors, and will not run on an i386 processor.

i386 Registers and Addressing Modes

This section describes the conventions used to specify addressing modes and instruction mnemonics for the Intel i386 processor architecture. The instructions themselves are detailed in the next section, "i386 Assembler Instructions" (page 129).

Instruction Mnemonics

The instruction mnemonics that the assembler uses are based on the mnemonics described in the relevant Intel processor manuals.

Note: The Mac OS X assembler for Intel i386 processors always produces branch instructions that are long (32 bits) for non-local labels. This allows the link editor to do procedure ordering (seethe description of the `-sectorder` option in the `ld`(1) man page).

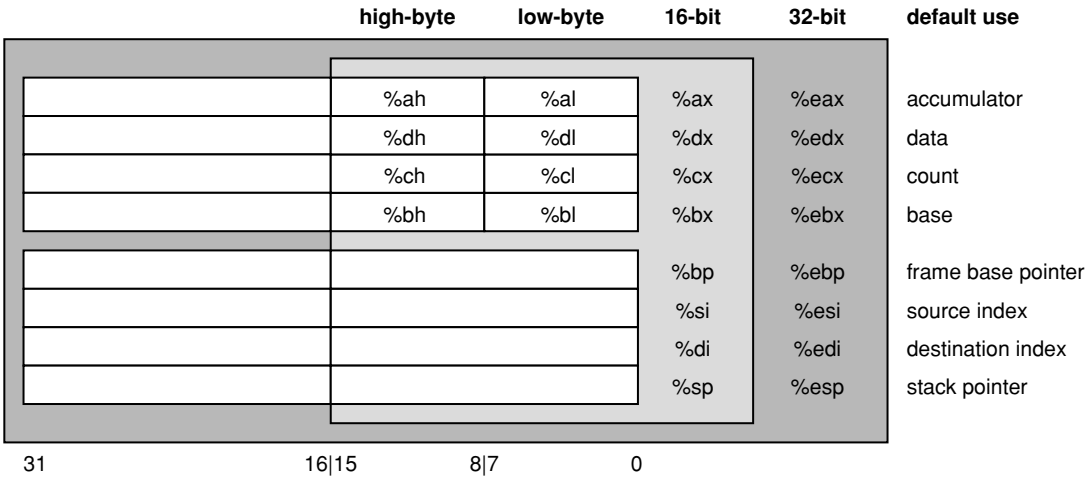
Registers

Many instructions accept registers as operands. The available registers are listed in this section. The Mac OS X assembler for Intel i386 processors always uses names beginning with a percent sign ('%') for registers, so naming conflicts with identifiers aren't possible; further, all register names are in lowercase letters.

General Registers

Each of the 32-bit general registers of the i386 architecture are accessible by different names, which specify parts of that register to be used. For example, the AX register can be accessed as a single byte (%ah or %al), a 16-bit value (%ax), or a 32-bit value (%eax). The figure below shows the names of these registers and their relation to the full 32-bit storage for each register:

Figure 6-1 Register Names in the 32-bit i386 architecture



Floating-Point Registers

Register	
`%st`	
`%st(0)–%st(7)`	

Segment Registers

Register	Description
%cs	code segment register
%ss	stack segment register
%ds	data segment register
%es	data segment register (string operation destination segment)
%fs	data segment register
%gs	data segment register

Other Registers

Register	Description
%cr0–%cr3	control registers
%db0–%db7	debug registers
%tr3–%tr7	test registers
%mm0–%mm7	MMX registers
%xmm0–%xmm7	XMM registers

Operands and Addressing Modes

The i386 architecture uses four kinds of instruction operands:

- Register
- Immediate
- Direct Memory
- Indirect Memory

Each type of operand corresponds to an addressing mode. Register operands specify that the value stored in the named register is to be used by the operator. Immediate operands are constant values specified in assembler code. Direct memory operands are the memory location of labels, or the value of a named register treated as an address. Indirect memory operands are calculated at run time from the contents of registers and optional constant values.

Register Operands

A register operand is given simply as the name of a register. It can be any of the identifiers beginning with '%' listed above; for example, `%eax`. When an operator calls for a register operand of a particular size, the operand is listed as *r8*, *r16*, or *r32*.

Immediate Operands

Immediate operands are specified as numeric values preceded by a dollar sign ('$'). They are decimal by default, but can be marked as hexadecimal by beginning the number itself with '0x'. Simple calculations are allowed if grouped in parentheses. Finally, an immediate operand can be given as a label, in which case its value is the address of that label. Here are some examples:

```
$100
$0x5fec4
$(10*6)     # calculated by the assembler
$begloop
```

A reference to an undefined label is allowed, but that reference must be resolved at link time.

Direct Memory Operands

Direct memory operands are references to labels in assembler source. They act as static references to a single location in memory relative to a specific section, and are resolved at link time. Here's an example:

```
     .data
var: .byte 0       # declare a byte-size variable labelled "var"
     .text
     .
     .
     .
     movb %al,var  # move the low byte of the AX register into the
                   #  memory location specified by "var"
```

By default, direct memory operands use the `%ds` segment register. This can be overridden by prefixing the operands with the segment register desired and a colon:

```
     movb %es:%al,var  # move the low byte of the AX register into the
                       #  memory location in the segment given by %es
                       # and "var"
```

Note that the segment override applies only to the memory operands in an instruction; "var" is affected, but not `%al`. The string instructions, which take two memory operands, use the segment override for both. A less common way of indicating a segment is to prefix the operator itself:

```
    es/movb %al,%var   # same as above
```

Indirect Memory Operands

Indirect memory operands are calculated from the contents of registers at run time. An indirect memory operand can contain a base register, and index register, a scale, and a displacement. The most general form is:

displacement(*base_register,index_register,scale*)

displacement is an immediate value. The base and index registers may be any 32-bit general register names, except that `%esp` can't be used as an index register. *scale* must be 1, 2, 4, or 8; no other values are allowed. The displacement and scale can be omitted, but at least one register must be specified. Also, if items from the end are omitted, the preceding commas can also be omitted, but the comma following an omitted item must remain:

```
10(%eax,%edx)
(%eax)
12(,%ecx,2)
12(,%ecx)
```

The value of an indirect memory operand is the memory location given by the contents of the register, relative to a segment's base address. The segment register used is `%ss` when the base register is `%ebp` or `%esp`, and `%ds` for all other base registers. For example:

```
movl (%eax),%edx    # default segment register here is %ds
```

The above assembler instruction moves 32 bits from the address given by `%eax` into the `%edx` register. The address `%eax` is relative to the `%ds` segment register. A different segment register from the default can be specified by prefixing the operand with the segment register name and a colon (':'):

```
movl %es:(%eax),%edx
```

A segment override can also be specified as an operator prefix:

```
es/movl (%eax),%edx
```

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Note the following points about the information contained in this section:

- `Name` is the name that appears in the upper left corner of a page in the Intel manuals.
- `Operation Name` is the name that appears after the operator name in the Intel manuals. Processor-specific instructions are marked as they occur.
- The form of operands is that used in Intel's i486 Microprocessor Programmer's Reference Manual.
- The order of operands is `source` -> `destination`, the opposite of the order in Intel's manuals.

A

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
aaa	aaa		ASCII Adjust after Addition

aad	aad		ASCII Adjust AX before Division

aam	aam		ASCII Adjust AX after Division

aas	aas		ASCII Adjust AL after Subtraction

adc	adc	$*imm8,r/m8*	Add with Carry
	adc	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	adc	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	adc	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	adc	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	adc	*r8,r/m8*	
	adc	*r16,r/m16*	
	adc	*r32,r/m32*	
	adc	*r/m8,r8*	
	adc	*r/m16,r16*	
	adc	*r/m32,r32*	

add	add	$*imm8,r/m8*	Add
	add	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	add	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	add	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	add	$*imm8,r/m32*	

	add	*r8,r/m8*	
	add	*r16,r/m16*	
	add	*r32,r/m32*	
	add	*r/m8,r8*	
	add	*r/m16,r16*	
	add	*r/m32,r32*	

and	and	$*imm8,r/m8*	Logical AND
	and	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	and	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	and	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	and	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	and	*r8,r/m8*	
	and	*r16,r/m16*	
	and	*r32,r/m32*	
	and	*r/m8,r8*	
	and	*r/m16,r16*	
	and	*r/m32,r32*	

arpl	arpl	*r16,r/m16*	Adjust RPL Field of Selector

B

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
bound	bound	*m16&16,r16*	Check Array Index Against Bounds
	bound	*m32&32,r32*	

bsf	bsf	*r/m16,r16*	Bit Scan Forward
	bsf	*r/m32,r16*	

bsr	bsr	*r/m16,r16*	Bit Scan Reverse
	bsr	*r/m32,r16*	

bswap	bswap	*r32*	Byte Swap (i486-specific)

bt	bt	*r16,r/m16*	Bit Test
	bt	*r32,r/m32*	
	bt	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	bt	$*imm8,r/m32*	

btc	btc	*r16,r/m16*	Bit Test and Complement
	btc	*r32,r/m32*	
	btc	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	btc	$*imm8,r/m32*	

btr	btr	*r16,r/m16*	Bit Test and Reset
	btr	*r32,r/m32*	
	btr	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	btr	$*imm8,r/m32*	

bts	bts	*r16,r/m16*	Bit Test and Set
	bts	*r32,r/m32*	
	bts	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	bts	$*imm8,r/m32*	

C

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
call	call	*rel16*	Call Procedure
	call	*r/m16*	
	call	*ptr16:16*	
	call	*m16:16*	
	call	*rel32*	
	call	*r/m32*	
	lcall	$*imm16*,$*imm32*	
	lcall	*m16*	
	lcall	*m32*	

cbw cwde	cbw		Convert Byte to Word
	cwde		Convert Word to Doubleword

clc	clc		Clear Carry Flag

cld	cld		Clear Direction Flag

cli	cli		Clear Interrupt Flag

clts	clts		Clear Task-Switched Flag inCR0

cmc	cmc		Complement Carry Flag

cmp	cmp	$*imm8,r/m8*	Compare Two Operands
	cmp	$*imm16,r/m*16	

	cmp	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	cmp	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	cmp	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	cmp	*r8,r/m8*	
	cmp	*r16,r/m16*	
	cmp	*r32,r/m32*	
	cmp	*r/m8,r8*	
	cmp	*r/m16,r16*	
	cmp	*r/m32,r32*	

cmps cmpsb cmpsw cmpsd			Compare String Operands
	cmps	*m8,m8*	
	cmps	*m16,m16*	
	cmps	*m32,m32*	
	cmpsb		
	cmpsw		
	cmpsd		
	(optional forms with segment override)		
	cmpsb	*%seg*`:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)`	
	cmpsw	*%seg*`:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)`	
	cmpsd	*%seg*`:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)`	

cmpxchg	cmpxchg	*r8,r/m8*	Compare and Exchange (i486-specific)
	cmpxchg	*r16,r/m16*	
	cmpxchg	*r32,r/m32*	

cmpxchg8b	cmpxchg8b	*m32*	Compare and Exchange 8 Bytes (Pentium-specific)

cpuid	cpuid		CPU Identification (Pentium-specific)

cwd cdq	cwd		Convert Word to Doubleword/
	cdq		Convert Doubleword to Quadword

D

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
daa	daa		Decimal Adjust AL after Addition

das	das		Decimal Adjust AL after Subtraction

dec	dec	*r/m8*	Decrement by 1
	dec	*r/m16*	
	dec	*r/m32*	
	dec	*r16*	
	dec	*r32*	

div	div	*r/m8*,`%al`	Unsigned Divide
	div	*r/m16*,`%ax`	
	div	*r/m32*,`%eax`	

E

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
enter	enter	$*imm16*,$*imm8*	Make Stack Frame for Procedure Parameters

F

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
f2xm1	f2xm1		Computer 2x–1

fabs	fabs		Absolute Value

fadd faddp fiadd			Add
	fadd	*m32real*	
	fadd	*m64real*	
	fadd	ST(i),ST	
	fadd	ST,ST(i)	
	faddp	ST,ST(i)	
	fadd		
	fiadd	*m32int*	
	fiadd	*m16int*	

fbld	fbld	*m80dec*	Load Binary Coded Decimal

fbstp	fbstp	*m80dec*	Store Binary Coded Decimal and Pop

fchs	fchs		Change Sign

fclex fnclex	fclex		Clear Exceptions
	fnclex		

fcom fcomp fcompp			Compare Real
	fcom	*m32real*	

	fcom	*m64real*	
	fcom	ST(i)	
	fcom		
	fcomp	*m32real*	
	fcomp	*m64real*	
	fcomp	ST(i)	
	fcomp		
	fcompp		

fcos	fcos		Cosine

fdecstp	fdecstp		Decrement Stack-Top Pointer

fdiv fdivp fidiv			Divide
	fdiv	*m32real*	
	fdiv	*m64real*	
	fdiv	ST(i),ST	
	fdiv	ST,ST(i)	
	fdivp	ST,ST(i)	
	fdiv		
	fidiv	*m32int*	
	fidiv	*m16int*	

fdivr fdivpr fidivr			Reverse Divide
	fdivr	*m32real*	
	fdivr	*m64real*	
	fdivr	ST(i),ST	
	fdivr	ST,ST(i)	

	fdivrp	ST,ST(i)	
	fdivr		
	fidivr	*m32int*	
	fidivr	*m16int*	

ffree	ffree	ST(i)	Free Floating-Point Register

ficom ficomp			Compare Integer
	ficom	*m16real*	
	ficom	*m32real*	
	ficomp	*m16int*	
	ficomp	*m32int*	

fild	filds	*m16int*	Load Integer
	fildl	*m32int*	
	fildq	*m64int*	

fincstp	fincstp		Increment Stack-Top Pointer

finit fninit	finit		Initialize Floating-Point Unit
	fninit		

fist fistp	fists	*m16int*	Store Integer
	fistl	*m32int*	
	fistps	*m16int*	
	fistpl	*m32int*	
	fistpq	*m64int*	

fld	flds	*m32real*	Load Real
	fldl	*m64real*	
	fldt	*m80real*	
	fld	ST(i)	

fld1 fldl2t fldl2e fldpi fldlg2 gldln2 fldz			Load Constant
	fld1		
	fld2t		
	fld2e		
	fldpi		
	fldlg2		
	fldln2		
	fldz		

fldcw	fldcw	*m2byte*	Load Control Word

fldenv	fldenv	*m14/28byte*	Load FPU Environment

fmul fmulp fimul			Multiply
	fmul	*m32real*	
	fmul	*m64real*	
	fmul	ST(i),ST	
	fmul	ST(i),ST	
	fmulp	ST,ST(i)	
	fmul		
	fimul	*m32int*	
	fimul	*m16int*	

fnop	fnop		No Operation

fpatan	fpatan		Partial Arctangent

fprem	fprem		Partial Remainder

fprem1	fprem1		Partial Remainder

fptan	fptan		Partial Tangent

frndint	frndint		Round to Integer

frstor	frstor	*m94/108byte*	Restore FPU State

fsave fnsave			Store FPU State
	fsave	*m94/108byte*	
	fnsave	*m94/108byte*	

fscale	fscale		Scale

fsin	fsin		Sine

fsincos	fsincos		Sine and Cosine

fsqrt	fsqrt		Square Root

fst fstp	fst	*m32real*	Store Real

	fst	*m64real*	
	fst	ST(i)	
	fstp	*m32real*	
	fstp	*m64real*	
	fstp	*m80real*	
	fstp	ST(i)	

fstcw fnstcw			Store Control Word
	fstcw	*m2byte*	
	fnstcw	*m2byte*	

fstenv fnstenv			Store FPU Environment
	fstenv	*m14/28byte*	
	fnstenv	*m14/28byte*	

fstsw fnstsw			Store Status Word
	fstsw	*m2byte*	
	fstsw	`%ax`	
	fnstsw	*m2byte*	
	fnstsw	`%ax`	

fsub fsubp fisub			Subtract
	fsub	*m32real*	
	fsub	*m64real*	
	fsub	ST(i),ST	
	fsub	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubp	ST,ST(i)	
	fsub		

	fisub	*m32int*	
	fisub	*m16int*	

fsubr fsubpr fisubr			Reverse Subtract
	fsubr	*m32real*	
	fsubr	*m64real*	
	fsubr	ST(i),ST	
	fsubr	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubpr	ST,ST(i)	
	fsubr		
	fisubr	*m32int*	
	fisubr	*m16int*	

ftst	ftst		Test

fucom fucomp fucompp			Unordered Compare Real
	fucom	ST(i)	
	fucom		
	fucomp	ST(i)	
	fucomp		
	fucompp		

fwait	fwait		Wait

fxam	fxam		Examine

fxch	fxch	ST(i)	Exchange Register Contents
	fxch		

fxtract	fxtract		Extract Exponent and Significand

fyl2x	fyl2x		Compute y ¥ log2x

fyl2xp1	fyl2xp1		Compute y ¥ log2(x+1)

H

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
hlt	hlt		Halt

I

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
idiv	idiv	*r/m8*	Signed Divide
	idiv	*r/m16*,%ax	
	idiv	*r/m32*,%eax	

imul	imul	*r/m8*	Signed Multiply
	imul	*r/m16*	
	imul	*r/m32*	
	imul	*r/m16,r16*	
	imul	*r/m32,r32*	
	imul	$*imm8,r/m16,r16*	
	imul	$*imm8,r/m32,r32*	
	imul	$*imm8,r16*	
	imul	$*imm8,r32*	
	imul	$*imm16,r/m16,r16*	
	imul	$*imm32,r/m32,r32*	

	imul	$*imm16,r16*	
	imul	$*imm32,r32*	

in	in	$*imm8*,`%al`	Input from Port
	in	$*imm8*,`%ax`	
	in	$*imm8*,`%eax`	
	in	`%dx,%al`	
	in	`%dx,%ax`	
	in	`%dx,%eax`	

inc	inc	*r/m8*	Increment by 1
	inc	*r/m16*	
	inc	*r/m32*	
	inc	*r16*	
	inc	*r32*	

ins insb insw insd			Input from Port to String
	ins		
	insb		
	insw		
	insd		

int into	int	3	Call to Interrupt Procedure
	int	$*imm8*	
	into		

invd	invd		Invalidate Cache (i486-specific)

invlpg	invlpg	m	Invalidate TLB Entry (i486-specific)

iret iretd	iret		Interrupt Return
	iretd		

J

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
j*cc*			Jump if Condition is Met
	ja	*rel8*	short if above
	jae	*rel8*	short if above or equal
	jb	*rel8*	short if below
	jbe	*rel8*	short if below or equal
	jc	*rel8*	short if carry
	jcxz	*rel8*	short if `%cx` register is 0
	jecxz	*rel8*	short if `%ecx` register is 0
	je	*rel8*	short if equal
	jz	*rel8*	short if 0
	jg	*rel8*	short if greater
	jge	*rel8*	short if greater or equal
	jl	*rel8*	short if less
	jle	*rel8*	short if less or equal
	jna	*rel8*	short if not above
	jnae	*rel8*	short if not above or equal
	jnb	*rel8*	short if not below
	jnbe	*rel8*	short if not below or equal
	jnc	*rel8*	short if not carry
	jne	*rel8*	short if not equal
	jng	*rel8*	short if not greater

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	jnge	*rel8*	short if not greater or equal
	jnl	*rel8*	short if not less
	jnle	*rel8*	short if not less or equal
	jno	*rel8*	short if not overflow
	jnp	*rel8*	short if not parity
	jns	*rel8*	short if not sign
	jnz	*rel8*	short if not 0
	jo	*rel8*	short if overflow
	jp	*rel8*	short if parity
	jpe	*rel8*	short if parity even
	jpo	*rel8*	short if parity odd
	js	*rel8*	short if sign
	jz	*rel8*	short if zero
	ja	*rel16/32*	near if above
	jae	*rel16/32*	near if above or equal
	jb	*rel16/32*	near if below
	jbe	*rel16/32*	near if below or equal
	jc	*rel16/32*	near if carry
	je	*rel16/32*	near if equal
	jz	*rel16/32*	near if 0
	jg	*rel16/32*	near if greater
	jge	*rel16/32*	near if greater or equal
	jl	*rel16/32*	near if less
	jle	*rel16/32*	near if less or equal
	jna	*rel16/32*	near if not above
	jnae	*rel16/32*	near if not above or equal
	jnb	*rel16/32*	near if not below

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	jnbe	*rel16/32*	near if not below or equal
	jnc	*rel16/32*	near if not carry
	jne	*rel16/32*	near if not equal
	jng	*rel16/32*	near if not greater
	jnge	*rel16/32*	near if not greater or less
	jnl	*rel16/32*	near if not less
	jnle	*rel16/32*	near if not less or equal
	jno	*rel16/32*	near if not overflow
	jnp	*rel16/32*	near if not parity
	jns	*rel16/32*	near if not sign
	jnz	*rel16/32*	near if not 0
	jo	*rel16/32*	near if overflow
	jp	*rel16/32*	near if parity
	jpe	*rel16/32*	near if parity even
	jpo	*rel16/32*	near if parity odd
	js	*rel16/32*	near if sign
	jz	*rel16/32*	near if 0

jmp	jmp	*rel8*	Jump
	jmp	*rel16*	
	jmp	*r/m16*	
	jmp	*rel32*	
	jmp	*r/m32*	
	ljmp	$*imm16*,$*imm32*	
	ljmp	*m16*	
	ljmp	*m32*	

L

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
lahf	lahf		Load Flags into AH Register

lar	lar	*r/m16,r16*	Load Access Rights Byte
	lar	*r/m32,r32*	

lea	lea	*m,r16*	Load Effective Address
	lea	*m,r32*	

leave	leave		High Level Procedure Exit

lgdt lidt	lgdt	*m16&32*	Load Global/Interrupt
	lidt	*m16&32*	Descriptor Table Register

lgs lss lds les lfs			Load Full Pointer
	lgs	*m16:16,r16*	
	lgs	*m16:32,r32*	
	lss	*m16:16,r16*	
	lss	*m16:32,r32*	
	lds	*m16:16,r16*	
	lds	*m16:32,r32*	
	les	*m16:16,r16*	
	les	*m16:32,r32*	
	lfs	*m16:16,r16*	
	lfs	*m16:32,r32*	

lldt	lldt	*r/m16*	Load Local Descriptor Table Register

lmsw	lmsw	*r/m16*	Load Machine Status Word

lock	lock		Assert LOCK# Signal Prefix

lods lodsb lodsw lodsd			Load String Operand
	lods	*m8*	
	lods	*m16*	
	lods	*m32*	
	lodsb		
	lodsw		
	lodsd		
	(optional forms with segment override)		
	lodsb	*%seg*:0(%esi),%al	
	lodsw	*%seg*:0(%esi),%al	
	lodsd	*%seg*:0(%esi),%al	

loop loop*cond*			Loop Control with CX Counter
	loop	*rel8*	
	loope	*rel8*	
	loopz	*rel8*	
	loopne	*rel8*	
	loopnz	*rel8*	

lsl	lsl	*r/m16,r16*	Load Segment Limit
	lsl	*r/m32,r32*	

ltr	ltr	*r/m16*	Load Task Register

M

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
mov	mov	*r8,r/m8*	Move Data
	mov	*r16,r/m16*	
	mov	*r32,r/m32*	
	mov	*r/m8,r8*	
	mov	*r/m16,r16*	
	mov	*r/m16,r16*	
	mov	*Sreg,r/m16*	
	mov	*r/m16,Sreg*	
	mov	*moffs8,*`%al`	
	mov	*moffs8,*`%ax`	
	mov	*moffs8,*`%eax`	
	mov	`%al`*,moffs8*	
	mov	`%ax`*,moffs16*	
	mov	`%eax`*,moffs32*	
	mov	$*imm8,reg8*	
	mov	$*imm16,reg*16	
	mov	$*imm32,reg32*	
	mov	$*imm8,r/m8*	
	mov	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	mov	$*imm32,r/m32*	

mov	mov	*r32,*`%cr0`	Move to/from Special Registers
	mov	`%cr0/%cr2/%cr3`*,r32*	
	mov	`%cr2/%cr3`*,r32*	

	mov	%dr0-3,*r32*	
	mov	%dr6/%dr7,*r32*	
	mov	*r32*,%dr0-3	
	mov	*r32*,%dr6/%dr7	
	mov	%tr4/%tr5/%tr6/%tr7,*r32*	
	mov	*r32*,%tr4/%tr5/%tr6/%tr7	
	mov	%tr3,*r32*	
	mov	*r32*,%tr3	

movs movsb movsw movsd			Move Data from String to String
	movs	*m8,m8*	
	movs	*m16,m16*	
	movs	*m32,m32*	
	movsb		

	movsw		
	movsd		
	(optional forms with segment override)		
	movsb	*%seg*:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)	
	movsw	*%seg*:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)	
	movsd	*%seg*:0(%esi),%es:0(%edi)	

movsx	movsx	*r/m8,r16*	Move with Sign-Extend
	movsx	*r/m8,r32*	
	movsx	*r/m16,r32*	

movzx	movzx	*r/m8,r16*	Move with Zero-Extend
	movzx	*r/m8,r32*	

	movzx	*r/m16,r32*	

mul	mul	*r/m8,*`%al`	Unsigned Multiplication of AL or AX
	mul	*r/m16,*`%ax`	
	mul	*r/m32,*`%eax`	

N

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
neg	neg	*r/m8*	Two's Complement Negation
	neg	*r/m16*	
	neg	*r/m32*	

nop	nop		No Operation

not	not	*r/m8*	One's Complement Negation
	not	*r/m16*	
	not	*r/m32*	

O

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
or	or	$*imm8,r/m8*	Logical Inclusive OR
	or	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	or	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	or	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	or	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	or	*r8,r/m8*	
	or	*r16,r/m16*	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	or	*r32,r/m32*	
	or	*r/m8,r8*	
	or	*r/m16,r16*	
	or	*r/m32,r32*	

out	out	`%al`,*$imm8*	Output to Port
	out	`%ax`,*$imm8*	
	out	`%eax`,*$imm8*	
	out	`%al,%dx`	
	out	`%ax,%dx`	
	out	`%eax,%dx`	

outs outsb outsw outsd			Output String to Port
	outs	*r/m8,*`%dx`	
	outs	*r/m16,*`%dx`	
	outs	*r/m32,*`%dx`	
	outsb		
	outsw		
	outsd		

P

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
pop	pop	*m16*	Pop a Word from the Stack
	pop	*m32*	
	pop	*r16*	
	pop	*r32*	
	pop	`%ds`	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	pop	%es	
	pop	%ss	
	pop	%fs	
	pop	%gs	

popa popad			Pop all General Registers
	popa		
	popad		

popf popfd	popf		Pop Stack into FLAGS or
	popfd		EFLAGS Register

push	push	*m16*	Push Operand onto the Stack
	push	*m32*	
	push	*r16*	
	push	*r32*	
	push	$*imm8*	
	push	$*imm16*	
	push	$*imm32*	
	push	*Sreg*	

pusha pushad			Push all General Registers
	pusha		
	pushad		

pushf pushfd			Push Flags Register onto the Stack
	pushf		

	pushfd		

R

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
rcl rcr rol ror			Rotate
	rcl	1,*r/m8*	
	rcl	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	rcl	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	rcl	1,*r/m16*	
	rcl	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	rcl	$*imm8*,*r/m16*	
	rcl	1,*r/m32*	
	rcl	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	rcl	$*imm8*,*r/m32*	
	rcr	1,*r/m8*	
	rcr	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	rcr	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	rcr	1,*r/m16*	
	rcr	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	rcr	$*imm8*,*r/m16*	
	rcr	1,*r/m32*	
	rcr	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	rcr	$*imm8*,*r/m32*	
	rol	1,*r/m8*	
	rol	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	rol	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	rol	1,*r/m16*	
	rol	`%cl`,*r/m16*	

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	rol	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	rol	1,*r/m32*	
	rol	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	rol	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	ror	1,*r/m8*	
	ror	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	ror	$*imm8,r/m8*	
	ror	1,*r/m16*	
	ror	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	ror	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	ror	1,*r/m32*	
	ror	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	ror	$*imm8,r/m32*	

rdmsr	rdmsr			Read from Model-Specific Register (Pentium-specific)

rdstc	rdstc			Read from Time Stamp Counter (Pentium-specific)

rep repe repz repne repnz			Repeat Following String
	rep/ins	`%dx`,*rm8*	Operation
	rep/ins	`%dx`,*rm16*	
	rep/ins	`%dx`,*rm32*	
	rep/movs	*m8,m8*	
	rep/movs	*m16,m16*	
	rep/movs	*m32,m32*	
	rep/outs	*rm8*,`%dx`	
	rep/outs	*rm16*,`%dx`	

	rep/outs	*rm32*,%dx	
	rep/lods	*m8*	
	rep/lods	*m16*	
	rep/lods	*m32*	
	rep/stos	*m8*	
	rep/stos	*m16*	
	rep/stos	*m32*	
	repe/cmps	*m8,m8*	
	repe/cmps	*m16,m16*	
	repe/cmps	*m32,m32*	
	repe/scas	*m8*	
	repe/scas	*m16*	
	repe/scas	*m32*	
	repne/cmps	*m8,m8*	
	repne/cmps	*m16,m16*	
	repne/cmps	*m32,m32*	
	repne/scas	*m8*	
	repne/scas	*m16*	
	repne/scas	*m32*	

ret	ret		Return from Procedure
	ret	$*imm16*	

rsm	rsm		Resume from System-Management Mode (Pentium-specific)

S

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
sahf	sahf		Store AH into Flags

sal sar shl shr			Shift Instructions
	sal	1,*r/m8*	
	sal	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	sal	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	sal	1,*r/m16*	
	sal	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	sal	$*imm8*,*r/m16*	
	sal	1,*r/m32*	
	sal	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	sal	$*imm8*,*r/m32*	
	sar	1,*r/m8*	
	sar	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	sar	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	sar	1,*r/m16*	
	sar	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	sar	$*imm8*,*r/m16*	
	sar	1,*r/m32*	
	sar	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	sar	$*imm8*,*r/m32*	
	shl	1,*r/m8*	
	shl	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	shl	$*imm8*,*r/m8*	
	shl	1,*r/m16*	
	shl	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	shl	$*imm8*,*r/m16*	
	shl	1,*r/m32*	
	shl	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	shl	$*imm8*,*r/m32*	

	shr	1,*r/m8*	
	shr	`%cl`,*r/m8*	
	shr	$*imm8,r/m8*	
	shr	1,*r/m16*	
	shr	`%cl`,*r/m16*	
	shr	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	shr	1,*r/m32*	
	shr	`%cl`,*r/m32*	
	shr	$*imm8,r/m32*	

sbb	sbb	$*imm8,r/m8*	Integer Subtraction with Borrow
	sbb	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	sbb	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	sbb	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	sbb	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	sbb	*r8,r/m8*	
	sbb	*r16,r/m16*	
	sbb	*r32,r/m32*	
	sbb	*r/m8,r8*	
	sbb	*r/m16,r16*	
	sbb	*r/m32,r32*	

scas scasb scasw scasd			Compare String Data
	scas	*m8*	
	scas	*m16*	
	scas	*m32*	
	scasb		
	scasw		

	scasd		
	(optional forms with segment override)		
	scasb	`%al,%seg:0(%edi)`	
	scasw	`%ax,%seg:0(%edi)`	
	scasd	`%eax,%seg:0(%edi)`	

set*cc*			Byte Set on Condition
	seta	*r/m8*	above
	setae	*r/m8*	above or equal
	setb	*r/m8*	below
	setbe	*r/m8*	below or equal
	setc	*r/m8*	carry
	sete	*r/m8*	equal
	setg	*r/m8*	greater
	setge	*r/m8*	greater or equal
	setl	*r/m8*	less
	setle	*r/m8*	less or equal
	setna	*r/m8*	not above
	setnae	*r/m8*	not abover or equal
	setnb	*r/m8*	not below
	setnbe	*r/m8*	not below or equal
	setnc	*r/m8*	not carry
	setne	*r/m8*	not equal
	setng	*r/m8*	not greater
	setnge	*r/m8*	not greater or equal
	setnl	*r/m8*	not less
	setnle	*r/m8*	not less or equal
	setno	*r/m8*	not overflow

	setnp	*r/m8*	not parity
	setns	*r/m8*	not sign
	setnz	*r/m8*	not zero
	seto	*r/m8*	overflow
	setp	*r/m8*	parity
	setpe	*r/m8*	parity even
	setpo	*r/m8*	parity odd
	sets	*r/m8*	sign
	setz	*r/m8*	zero

sgdt sidt	sgdt	*m*	Store Global/Interrupt
	sidt	*m*	Descriptor Table Register

shld	shld	$*imm8,r16,r/m16*	Double Precision Shift Left
	shld	$*imm8,r32,r/m32*	
	shld	`%cl`,*r16,r/m16*	
	shld	`%cl`,*r32,r/m32*	

shrd	shrd	$*imm8,r16,r/m16*	Double Precision Shift Right
	shrd	$*imm8,r32,r/m32*	
	shrd	`%cl`,*r16,r/m16*	
	shrd	`%cl`,*r32,r/m32*	

sldt	sldt	*r/m16*	Store Local Descriptor Table Register

smsw	smsw	*r/m16*	Store Machine Status Word

stc	stc		Set Carry Flag

std	std		Set Direction Flag

sti	sti		Set Interrupt Flag

stos stosb stosw stosd			Store String Data
	stos	*m8*	
	stos	*m16*	
	stos	*m32*	
	stosb		
	stosw		
	stosd		
	(optional forms with segment override)		
	stosb	`%al,%seg:0(%edi)`	
	stosw	`%ax,%seg:0(%edi)`	
	stosd	`%eax,%seg:0(%edi)`	

str	str	*r/m16*	Store Task Register

sub	sub	$*imm8,r/m8*	Integer Subtraction
	sub	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	sub	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	sub	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	sub	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	sub	*r8,r/m8*	
	sub	*r16,r/m16*	
	sub	*r32,r/m32*	
	sub	*r/m8,r8*	
	sub	*r/m16,r16*	

	sub	*r/m32,r32*	

T

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
test	test	$*imm8,r/m8*	Logical Compare
	test	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	test	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	test	*r8,r/m8*	
	test	*r16,r/m16*	
	test	*r32,r/m32*	

V

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
verr verw	verr	*r/m16*	Verify a Segment for Reading or Writing
	verw	*r/m16*	

W

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
wait	wait		Wait

wbinvd	wbinvd		Write-Back and Invalidate Cache (i486-specific)

wrmsr	wrmsr		Write to Model-Specific Register (Pentium-specific)

X

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
xadd	xadd	*r8,r/m8*	Exchange and Add (i486-specific)

Name	Operator	Operand	Operation Name
	xadd	*r16,r/m16*	
	xadd	*r32,r/m32*	

xchg	xchg	*r16,*`%ax`	Exchange Register/Memory
	xchg	`%ax`,*r16*	with Register
	xchg	`%eax`,*r32*	
	xchg	*r32,*`%eax`	
	xchg	*r8,r/m8*	
	xchg	*r/m8,r8*	
	xchg	*r16,r/m16*	
	xchg	*r/m16,r16*	
	xchg	*r32,r/m32*	
	xchg	*r/m32,r32*	

xlat xlatb	xlat	*m8*	Table Look-up Translation
	xlatb		

xor	xor	$*imm8,r/m8*	Logical Exclusive OR
	xor	$*imm16,r/m*16	
	xor	$*imm32,r/m32*	
	xor	$*imm8,r/m16*	
	xor	$*imm8,r/m32*	
	xor	*r8,r/m8*	
	xor	*r16,r/m16*	
	xor	*r32,r/m32*	
	xor	*r/m8,r8*	
	xor	*r/m16,r16*	

	xor	*r/m32,r32*	

Mode-Independent Macros

If you want to write assembly code that runs both in 32-bit PowerPC and 64-bit PowerPC environments, you must make sure that 32-bit–specific code runs in 32-bit environments and 64-bit–specific code runs in 64-bit environments. This appendix introduces the macros included in the Mac OS X v10.4 SDK to facilitate the development of assembly code that runs in both environments.

The `mode_independent_asm.h` file in `/usr/include/architecture/ppc` defines a set of macros that make it easy to write code that runs in 32-bit PowerPC and 64-bit PowerPC environments. These macros include both manifest constants and pseudo mnemonics. For instance, the `GPR_BYTES` constant is either `4` or `8` (the size of the general-purpose registers). And `lg` pseudo mnemonic expands to `lwz` in a 32-bit environment or `ld` in a 64-bit environment. The header file documents all the macros in detail.

For example, the 32-bit code to get a pointer at offset 16 from GPR15 into GPR14 is:

```
    lwz r14,16(r15)
```

The 64-bit code is:

```
    ld r14,16(r15)
```

One way to support both environments is by using conditional inclusion statements. For example, the following code uses `__ppc64__` to determine whether the program is running in 64-bit mode and executes the appropriate statement:

```
#ifdef __ppc64__
    ld r14,16(r15)
#else
    lwz r14,16(r15)
#endif
```

However, a simpler way is to use the `lg` pseudo mnemonic, as shown here:

```
#include <architecture/ppc/mode_independent_asm.h>
    ...
    lg r14,16(r15)
```

If you write code that invokes functions that may be relocated, you may need to create a lazy symbol pointer in 32-bit code similar to this:

```
    .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _foo
```

```
    .long dyld_stub_binding_helper
```

The assembly sequence for is as for 64-bit code is similar to the 32-bit code, but you need to ensure you allocate an 8-byte space for the symbol, using `.quad` instead of `.long`, as shown here:

```
    .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _foo
    .quad dyld_stub_binding_helper
```

Using the `g_long` mode-independent macro instead of `.long` or `.quad`, you can write a streamlined dual-environment sequence without adding an `#ifdef` statement. The mode-independent sequence would look like this:

```
#include <architecture/ppc/mode_independent_asm.h>
    ...
    .lazy_symbol_pointer
L_foo$lazy_ptr:
    .indirect_symbol _foo
    .g_long dyld_stub_binding_helper
```

Document Revision History

This table describes the changes to *Mac OS X Assembler Reference*.

Date	Notes
2006-07-24	Changed the title from "Mac OS X Assembler Guide."
2006-06-28	Corrected syntax listings for the rep, repe, and repne i386 instructions.
2006-05-23	Updated for Xcode 2.3. Added information on IA-32 symbol stubs.
	Updated "Directives for Designating the Current Section" (page $@) in "Assembler Directives" (page $@) to include changes to IA-32 symbol-stub implementation and correct information for PowerPC symbol stubs.
	Specified that all expressions are evaluated as 64-bit values in "Operators" (page $@).
2005-04-29	Updated content to reflect additions made to the assembler and the Mac OS X SDK.
	Added `dcbtl` and `dcbtl128` operators to "PowerPC Assembler Instructions" (page 67).
	Added four-argument form of `rlmi`, `rlwimi`, `rlwinm`, and `rlwnm` operators.
	Added "Mode-Independent Macros" (page 167) to introduce the mode-independent macros in the Mac OS X v10.4 SDK.
2004-07-27	Added information on dead-code stripping and the `.machine` and `.quad` assembler directives.
	Added "Directives for Dead-Code Stripping" (page 51), which documents `.subsections_via_symbols` and `.no_dead_strip`.
	Added information on `no_dead_strip` and `live_support` section attributes to "Attribute Identifiers" (page 36).
	Added ".machine" (page 55), which provides details on the `.machine` directive.

Date	Notes
	Added information on `.quad` directive to ".byte, .short, .long, and .quad" (page 45) in "Directives for Generating Data" (page 45).
	Removed all 68000-related content.
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